

## Policy JICA- Student Dress

The Board believes that a student dress policy is an essential aspect of creating a school environment that is safe, conducive to learning and free from unnecessary disruption. During the school day, while riding in school district vehicles, and at all school-related activities or functions, students shall adhere to a standard of dress and appearance that is appropriate.

Student dress and personal appearance shall meet reasonable standards of cleanliness and safety and must show respect for others. Personal appearance and dress that violate reasonable standards, demean, slur, or harass others through symbols, words or images, and/or substantially disrupt the educational process shall not be tolerated.

To establish the specific guidelines, which define appropriate dress, each school in conjunction with their Collaborative School Committee (CSC), should develop and publish suitable standards regarding dress and hygiene. Principals and their designees have the final authority to decide what is appropriate attire for students in school or participating in school related activities.

### Unacceptable items

The following items are deemed disruptive and are not acceptable on school grounds, in school district vehicles, or at school functions or activities:

1. Shorts, dresses, skirts or other similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh length
2. Sunglasses, hats or head scarves worn inside a building
3. Inappropriately sheer, tight, loose, or low-cut clothing that bares or exposes the stomach, back, breasts, buttocks, or genitalia. (For example, the following items are prohibited under this section: garments made of fishnet, mesh, or similar material, and midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops. Muscle tops, revealing tank tops or sundresses, etc.)
4. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any words, symbols, or pictures that:
  - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol or weapons
  - Are of a sexual nature
  - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd or legally libelous
  - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark or other attribute denote membership in gangs, associations or clubs which advocated drug use, violence or disruptive behavior
  - Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
  - Promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct

- Pose a threat or potential threat to the safety or welfare of any person
  - Otherwise disrupt the school's mission in delivering educational services
5. Inappropriate footwear, including rubber sole thongs (flip-flops) or bedroom slippers
  6. Athletic wear, such as jogging suits (except that appropriate athletic clothing may be worn while participating in physical education classes or other athletic activities)
  7. Underwear as outer wear
  8. Inappropriate grooming or hygiene
  9. Any other attire or grooming that is prohibited in the student dress code applicable to the particular school.

Policy JK and JK-R (Student Discipline) shall control discipline of a student in violation of this policy.

#### Exception

Exceptions to this policy may be made by principals or their designees to address a specific student's medical, religious, or other similar needs.

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CROSS REF.: JK, Student Conduct and Discipline

GBEBA, Staff Dress, Accessories, and Grooming for Certificated Staff (Teachers), GBEBA-R, Staff Dress, Accessories, and Grooming for Certificated Staff (Teachers) procedures