

Students

Dress and Grooming

The administration will take appropriate determination on the newest clothing fads or styles as they pertain to this dress policy. The administration will determine what attire is unclean and dangerous, or distracts from the educational process. The following guidelines shall be followed:

1. Students must wear proper and safe footwear. Any footwear deemed dangerous to the student or others will be prohibited.
2. Sexually provocative clothing is not permitted: short shorts, see-through clothing, no shirts and garments designed or worn in such manner as to expose parts of the body constituting what generally is considered immodesty.
3. Clothing bearing messages that countervail the educational process – profanity, sexual suggestiveness, images of or sayings related to the drug/alcohol culture, insignias or other apparel that advertises membership in a gang, messages that incite violence, are not permitted.
4. Articles that are part of one's attire but also designed so that they can be used as weapons – rings that simulate brass knuckles, belt buckles with the edges sharpened, nailed or cleated shoes, jewelry obviously designed to inflict injury are not permitted.
5. Grooming/apparel or lack thereof that constitute a safety hazard is not permitted.

This policy supersedes any other Board policy that might be inconsistent with it.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
Geller, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 87405, *10
Munn v. Hotchkiss Sch., 326 Conn. 540, 566, 165 A.3d 1167 (2017).
Jacobson v. Massachusetts, 197 U.S. 11, 38, 25 S. Ct. 358, 49 L. Ed. 643 (1905).
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov.

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