

NHCS BOE Policy: 8520

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a productive and safe school environment. Those standards generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a public setting shall be the determining criteria governing student dress. A student's appearance, mode of dress, or condition of personal hygiene shall not be permitted to disrupt the educational process or constitute a threat to the health or safety of others. The principal may make reasonable accommodations to this Policy based on a student's religious beliefs or medical conditions.

Therefore, the following rules shall be followed:

- The shoulder width of shirts or blouses must completely cover undergarments. No spaghetti strap tops, tube tops, or tank tops are allowed;
- Net shirts, bare midriffs, or other revealing attire are not acceptable;
- Short dresses, short skirts, or short shorts will not be allowed;
- No underwear shall be revealed;
- Headgear, hats, or sunglasses are not to be worn in the building except for medical and/or safety reasons;
- No clothing, jewelry or buttons with letters, initials, symbols, or wording that is obscene, offensive, inflammatory, or detrimental to the instructional process are allowed;
- No gang-related clothing, accessories or symbols as identified by local law enforcement agencies will be allowed;
- All students in grades 9-12 will be required to display identification cards with their picture and their name while on the school grounds; and
- No clothing, jewelry, book bags or other items may be worn which are associated with intimidation, violence or violent groups, and about which students have been notified.
- When, in the judgment of the principal, a student's appearance violates the intent of this Policy, or the policy of a school which has established a standard dress code, the student will be required to make necessary modifications. Continued violations of the dress code policy shall result in an out-of-school suspension.