

## **Student Dress Code Policy 5300.30**

The responsibility for the dress and appearance of students shall rest with individual students and parents. Teachers and other school personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting. Students and parents have the right to determine how the student shall dress, provided that such attire is not destructive to school property, complies with requirements for health and safety, does not interfere with the educational process, or impinge upon the rights of others. In this regard:

1. a student's dress, grooming and appearance shall be safe, appropriate and not disruptive or interfere with the educational process.
2. extremely brief and see through garments are not appropriate such as tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps and see-through garments;
3. students are required to wear appropriate footwear at all times;
4. students shall not be permitted to wear hats in the classroom except for a medical or religious purpose;
5. student dress shall not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
6. a student's dress, grooming and appearance shall not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or other illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
7. The administration is authorized to take action in instances where individual dress does not meet these stated requirements or is otherwise vulgar, offensive or contrary to school policy in accordance with decisions of the Commissioner of Education.

Students who violate the Student Dress Code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension.

While the school administration may require students participating in physical education classes to wear certain types of clothing such as sneakers, socks, shorts and tee shirts, they may not prescribe a specific brand which students must buy.