

SERIES 400 – STUDENTS

Student Rights and Responsibilities – 440

Student Dress Code (443.1)

School attire is primarily a matter of personal preference and family guidelines. However, school dress should be appropriate to the school environment and must comply with state health laws. School dress may not be disruptive, unsafe, and obscene nor should it promote alcohol, drug or gang involvement. Dress that is disruptive to the educational process is not permitted. Those whose style of dress is inappropriate for school will be subject to consequences.

This dress code is meant to cover any and all times when a student is under the care or supervision of school employees. These times include: during school hours, at practice, at sports competitions when not in school issued uniforms, school trips. Exceptions to this policy include, but are not limited to class trips to places where swimwear is expected, school dances, when you are at a school function as a spectator or other circumstances as determined by the building Principal.

The following is NOT PERMITTED:

The following list is to serve as a guide; it is not intended to be all-inclusive.

1. Clothing with alcohol (including bar related), tobacco or drug promotions, sexual references and innuendoes, vulgar, sexist or racist sayings or gang insignia.
2. Accessories which could be considered weapons, such as spiked wrist wear or ankle bands, spiked rings or lengthy chains of any size including chains attached to wallets.
3. Underwear, bras, or boxers must not be visible.
4. Strapless, off-the-shoulder or revealing garments/undergarments, bare midriff tops, halters or strapless tube-tops; this includes men's shirts with large sleeve openings that reveal torsos. Strapless dresses without jackets and spaghetti straps (anything less than 2 inches is considered a spaghetti strap).
5. The display of cleavage, breasts or buttocks, low cut blouses, tops, sweaters, etc. with plunging necklines. Transparent and/or see through material is considered unacceptable.
6. Shorts, skorts, and skirts shorter than fingertip length when the student's hand is fully extended down the side of the student's leg.
7. Spandex or tightly fitting bottoms, including yoga pants. (These may be worn only if covered with another layer of clothing, such as a shirt, shorts, or skirt that adequately covers one's full torso area).

(Sometimes wearing spandex is part of an athletic uniform. Very short and extremely tight spandex will not be allowed by the school district. The District Administrator, High School Principal and Athletic Director will determine what is too short and too tight. Parents/Guardians of student athletes will determine the length and tightness of the spandex on their own children deemed suitable by School District Administration).

8. While clothing with holes and tears may be in fashion, the holes should not show bare skin or undergarments in the designated areas of shoulder to mid-thigh.
9. Hoods, hats, and sunglasses. Hats include visors and bandannas.
10. Footwear is required at all times.

The student body will be notified by the Building Principal when certain exceptions for Spirit Dress-Up days apply.

Clarification regarding apparel should be obtained PRIOR TO WEARING IT TO SCHOOL; this can be obtained through the Building Principals. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school's administration.

Teachers, building Principals, school district employees and students are charged with the responsibility of enforcing student dress code in their classes, in the hallways, and within the school building. Teachers shall follow school procedure for discipline referral regarding dress code violations. The Falcon Five disciplinary measures will be followed.

No attempt will be made to dictate fashion styles as long as they are in keeping with school policies. It should be noted, however, that it is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian that the student adhere to the dress code.

If an article of clothing is "borderline" or "debatable," it should not be worn. A general rule of thumb is to maintain a conservative, neat appearance.

STUDENT DRESS CODE DISCIPLINARY MEASURES:

(Will follow school wide Falcon Five rules):

Students who do not meet dress code standards face disciplinary action. The offense, and subsequent consequence, does not change because a student is able to alter his or her clothing after he or she has been confronted.

If a student's parent(s) or legal guardian feels their child was inappropriately reprimanded for their dress by the designated school staff, the parent should first contact the administrator that reprimanded the student in an attempt to bring resolution to the reprimand. If the parent is not satisfied with that result, the parent should then contact the District Administrator who will make the final decision over the interpretation of this policy.

First and Second Offense(s):

- Upon faculty/staff referral, any student who is in violation of the dress code will not be allowed to attend classes until dressed appropriately. His/her parent/guardian will be notified.
- After the student changes, he/she will return to his/her assigned class.
- First and second offenses are considered Minor Problem Behaviors based on the Falcon Five procedures.

Subsequent Offenses:

- After two minor Dress Code referrals, subsequent violations are considered a Major Problem Behavior.
- Students who receive a Major violation of not meeting the dress code standards will face a one-day in-school suspension, and the parents will be notified.
- Repeated violations will result in progressive discipline for the student.

Legal Reference: Section 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes

Cross Reference: Policy 443.8, Gang Related Behavior

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