

## STUDENT APPEARANCE

The board believes inappropriate student appearance causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment or presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors.

Students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a good learning environment. The standards will be those generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a school setting.

The board expects students to be clean and well-groomed and wear clothes in good repair and appropriate for the time, place and occasion. Clothing or other apparel promoting products illegal for use by minors and clothing displaying obscene material, profanity, or reference to prohibited conduct are disallowed. Likewise, gang attire (bandanas, symbols, low-riding pants, etc.) is not appropriate. Appropriate shorts may be worn. Shirts with open backs are not permitted. Shirts with “spaghetti- straps” are not permitted. Shoulder material on shirts must be at least one inch wide. Shirts with large draping arm-holes will not be permitted. Hats or other head coverings are not permitted during the school day. Exceptions can be made in emergencies. Examples are for medical reasons but not limited to this. When worn and asked to be removed, the head covering will be given to the teacher and may be picked up at the end of the day. While the primary responsibility for appearance lies with the students and their parents, appearance disruptive to the education program will not be tolerated. When, in the judgment of a principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principals, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Cross Reference:      500      Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students  
                                 502      Student Rights and Responsibilities