

Series 500 – Student Personnel

Policy Title: STUDENT APPEARANCE

Policy Code No. 505.11

The Board of Directors believe 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 on school property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

Students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirement of a good school environment. Those standards generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a formal school setting will be the reference criterion.

The Board of Directors expect students to be clean and well groomed and wear clothes in good repair and appropriate for the time, place, and purpose intended. Clothing or other apparel promoting products illegal for use by minors; clothing displaying obscene material, profanity, or reference to subversion; and caps and hats are disallowed. While the primary responsibility for appearance lies with the students and their parents/guardians, appearance disruptive to the education program will not be tolerated. When, in the judgment of a building principal or designee, 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 building principals, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

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Cross Ref.: