

Policy

DRESS AND GROOMING

The Mainland Regional High School District Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The board will not interfere with the rights of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools.

The following rules apply to student dress and grooming:

- A. Clothing selected to be worn to school is the parents/guardians' and students' responsibility. This responsibility is one that young people can and should assume as they mature;
- B. The school may remove from the classroom, or any school activity, anyone whose appearance distracts from classroom activities or interferes with others' rights;
- C. Students will be required to wear special (or protective) clothing for physical education, industrial arts, science labs and other activities where necessary;
- D. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times;
- E. Sunglasses may not be worn indoors unless prescribed by an appropriate medical practitioner;
- F. Bathing suits, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, see-through or mesh clothing or any other clothing that will reveal the body or will reveal underwear may not be worn in school. Bare midriffs are not acceptable;
- G. No hats, scarves, headbands, sweatshirt hoods, head rags (i.e. stocking caps, satin-type or "do rags" or other headgear) are permitted to be worn or carried inside the school building;
- H. Clothing that bears logos, insignia, letters or colors signifying a gang, crew, violent actions, weapons, illegal drugs, offensive language or promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs or sex will not be tolerated.
- I. Shorts and skirts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited;
- J. The tops of shorts, pants, or skirts are NOT permitted to be worn lower than the waistline, **i.e. must be secured at the waist;**
- K. Chains or sharp objects are prohibited;
- L. Coats and jackets should not be worn in the building. Students are not permitted to wear long trench coats or bulky, oversized coats within the school building;
- M. Exceptions to this policy may be made on a case by case basis by the administration.

The above statement is intended to be used as guide for students to display pride and good taste in their personal appearance at school. The administration shall have final decision in all matters concerning this code.

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STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING (continued)

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A.11-1 General mandatory powers and duties

Cross References: *5131 Student Conduct and Discipline
 *5142 Student Safety

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.