

HEBRON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Students

STUDENT DRESS

In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process, the Board of Education prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day:

- a. Head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to bandannas, masks, visors, kerchiefs, athletic sweatbands, hats, caps or hoods. Head coverings shall not be worn inside the school building, carried, or hung on belts or around the neck during regular school hours. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practice, belief or medical preference shall not be prohibited under this policy. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit protective hairstyles. "Protective hairstyles" includes, but is not limited to, wigs, headwraps and hairstyles such as individual braids, cornrows, locs, twists, Bantu knots, afros, and puffs.
- b. Footwear which mars floors or is a safety hazard.
- c. Sunglasses, whether worn or carried, unless required pursuant to a documented medical issue or while traveling to or from outside.
- d. Spiked or studded bracelets, oversized or multi-finger rings, belts or any other article of attire with spikes or studs attached, or any other clothing item that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.
- e. Attire or accessories that contain vulgarity or that contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures, which are deemed by the administration to disrupt the educational environment.
- f. Attire or accessories depicting or suggesting violence so as to disrupt the educational environment or that provokes others to act violently or causes others to be intimidated by fear of violence or that constitute "fighting words."
- g. Attire or accessories which depict logos or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages.
- h. Shirts and/or blouses which reveal the abdomen, chest, or undergarments.
- i. See-through clothing.
- j. Shorts, miniskirts, or pants which reveal undergarments.
- k. Other clothing the administration deems inappropriate.

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary set forth above or in any other policy of the Board, students will comply with relevant executive orders and regulations set forth by the Connecticut Department of Education and Connecticut Department of Public Health in regard to student dress, including the wearing of masks/face coverings for health reasons. The Board authorizes the administration to develop procedures for student dress to address the safety of students and staff.

Students who fail to comply with Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be subject to school discipline up to and including expulsion in accordance with the Board's policy on student discipline.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-51 (definition of protective hairstyles)

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