

Dress and Appearance

The wearing of any item that materially or significantly disrupts the educational process or threatens the health or safety of other students or staff members is prohibited. If a school/council chooses to develop a dress code, it shall be consistent with Board standards set out in the District's Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. All garments must be of a type of material that will prevent exposure of undergarments or body (e.g., no see through, mesh, etc.)
2. Any clothing, tattoos, make-up or accessories that are or have patches, images, emblems, slogans, or words deemed unusual, disrespectful, prejudicial, profane, shocking, vulgar, or drug/alcohol/tobacco/sex/gang/cult related are prohibited.
3. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building except if approved by the Principal for verified medical reasons.
4. In grades 4-12 students may only wear shirts, blouses, or dresses that have sleeves unless worn over a full shirt or blouse. At all grades there will be **NO** bare midriffs, bare backs or low-cut necklines. For all grades all shirts, blouses, or tops must extend completely to the lower garment; stomachs, upper back, and lower back must be covered at all times.
5. Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn so that they are not sagging or exposing undergarments. Clothing with holes exposing skin or undergarments above the knee is banned.
6. Shorts, dresses, and skirts must be deemed appropriate by the administration and must be mid-thigh length or longer. (Exceptions to this rule apply for Physical Education classes during class time only—still no short shorts.)
7. Appropriate shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
8. During the course of the year, there may be special days when some departure from the dress code will be allowed by school administration. These will be announced to all students.
9. Dress codes may be stricter at individual schools based on SBDM decisions.

This code may be revised any time during the school year. Students and parents will be notified of any changes.

REFERENCES:

Missouri State Board of Education
Missouri School District No. 403 v. State Board of Education
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