

#### **4.3.4 -- APPEARANCE CODE**

The school board recognizes that among those rights retained by the people under our constitutional form of government is the freedom to govern one's personal appearance. When, however, dress and grooming disrupt the learning process for the individual student, other students, or the learning climate of the school, it becomes a matter subject to disciplinary action.

Student dress, grooming, and appearance are subject to the following guidelines:

- a. Dress and grooming should be clean in keeping with health and sanitary practices.
- b. Students may not wear clothing or hairstyles that can be hazardous to them in their education activities such as shop, lab work, physical education, art or on-the-job training.
- c. Dress and grooming should not disrupt the educational process. Students, while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day or at school-sponsored activities and events, may not wear clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks, (sagging), or the breast of a female. Exceptions may apply to a costume or uniform in a school-sponsored activity or event.
- d. A student shall not wear or use emblems, insignias, badges, or other symbols which cause disruption or interferences with the operation of the school. Individual schools may be more specific in listing those dress and grooming practices that would disrupt the educational process or interfere with the operation of the school.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Verbal reprimand and correction of violation by the student.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Ten day suspension, conference with parents to determine agreement on solution. Continued violation could result in recommendation of expulsion.

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