

DRESS AND GROOMING

The Akron Board of Education adopts this revised mandatory Dress and Grooming Policy (“Dress Code”) for all students in grades K-12 beginning in August 2007. This Dress Code does not supersede policies at schools where uniforms are required.

This Dress Code is intended to foster discipline, order, safety, health and an environment conducive to academic learning. The responsibility for understanding and adhering to the district-wide Dress Code rests with students and parents, and it is expected that students will come to school dressed and groomed in accordance with this Code.

Building staff and administrators shall allow deviations from this Dress Code based on religious, medical or other special circumstances or for special school activities.

As a general rule, all garments must be neat, clean, properly sized, without holes and rips, and in acceptable repair. Students may not wear anything that promotes gangs, tobacco, drug and alcohol use, sexual activity, or anything illegal or immoral.

Head: Hats, caps and head coverings are not permitted to be worn indoors. Hair and hair accessories must be unobtrusive and should not create a distraction to education.

Face: Earrings and makeup must not be extreme, distracting, unsafe or interfere with the education process. Students shall not have visible body piercings other than earrings.

Tops: Upper garments must be properly sized. Underwear, shoulders, chest, back and midsection may not be visible. Tops must have a sleeve and may include a hood so long as the hood is not worn over the head while indoors.

Bottoms: All lower garments must be anchored at the natural waist and cannot drag on the ground or have writing across the seat. Tight-fitting, oversized, drooping and garments exposing more than mid-thigh are not permitted.

Shoes: All footwear must be secure on the foot and not present a safety hazard. Slippers, flip-flops, stilettos and shower shoes are not permitted.

Other: All clothing designed as outerwear, worn to and from school, cannot be worn indoors during the regular school day. Clothing designed for sleepwear is prohibited.

Accessories: Sunglasses cannot be worn in the building. All jewelry and accessories must not be distracting or create a safety hazard.

ENFORCEMENT:

In order to promote a safe and healthy school setting and enhance the educational environment, the Dress Code shall be incorporated into the Code of Student Conduct. Any student, who is in violation of the Dress Code, may be subject to discipline and may be required to change into compliant clothing before being permitted to attend classes or school activities.

Modifications: The Board authorizes the Superintendent to review, assess and revise the Dress Code established by this policy at any time, after consultation with the Board.