

6.31 DRESS AND APPEARANCE

The 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 right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall establish such grooming guidelines as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes. Such guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

- A. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
- B. Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
- C. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
- D. Prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which:

- A. Designate the building principal as the arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building;
- B. Instruct staff members to demonstrate by example and precept wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty and good sense in attire and appearance;
- C. Ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only minimum and necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.

Students who violate the foregoing guidelines will not be admitted to class and may be suspended from school.