

5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

It is the purpose of the Alexandria Township Board of Education, in the matter of pupil grooming/dress code, to enhance the health and safety of the pupil and to avoid distractions to the educative process. It is not the intention of the Board neither to usurp parental prerogative in the determination of appropriate grooming for their children, nor to infringe on an individual's freedom of speech.

Through out many school systems in the United States, schools have found a relationship between proper school dress and proper school behavior and grades. Therefore, pupils are encouraged to be neat, clean, and well groomed when attending classes, representing the school on field trips, and at all school functions. Clothing must be neat and not districting or offensive to the pupils, staff, and citizens of the school community.

Therefore, during the school year, the following grooming/dress code regulations will be enforced in keeping with the policy, whereby, certain dress may be districting or disturbing or causing danger to a pupil's, staff member's, citizens' of the school community, or visitor's to the school, health and/or safety.

A. Pants/Shorts

1. Must be worn at waist level;
2. Shorts are to extend no shorter than extended fingers with arms at side;
3. Undergarments are not to be visible;
4. No chains may be worn as belts or as accessories to pants/shorts.

B. Dresses/Skirts

1. Must be worn at waist level and extend no shorter than extended fingers plus three inches with arms at the side;
2. Undergarments are not to be visible.

C. Shirts/Blouses

1. Must be "tuckable", but not necessarily tucked in;
2. No half shirts exposing the midriff or shirts that expose the midriff when hands are raised straight up above the person's head.



3. Males: Tank top/muscle shirts may only be worn with a T-shirt underneath;
 4. Females: If "tank tops" (more-than sleeveless type of shirt), a double shirt must be worn. Appropriate undergarments are to be worn and not visible;
 5. Fishnet shirts (with holes or see through) – must have a shirt underneath;
 6. Any skin-tight tops (i.e. leotard, swimwear, spandex etc.) must have a double shirt worn.
- D. Footwear/Shoes
- Must be firmly attached to the foot with a strap around the back of the foot.
- E. Other
1. No outer coats are to be worn in class;
 2. No sunglasses are allowed to be worn in the school building;
 3. No hats are allowed to be worn in school;
 4. No articles of clothing which are markedly soiled with grease, paint or dirt;
 5. No articles of clothing which display indecent writing, pictures, slogans, inappropriate advertising (i.e. drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or of sexual nature), or slogans/pictorial effects degrading any cultural, religious or ethnic values;
 6. No articles of clothing or other nature that could cause damage to other people or property;
 7. No clothing that is extremely torn, slit, drags on the floor or is a state of disrepair;
 8. Pupils may not change their clothing during regular school hours other than for gym class. After gym class, pupils must change into clothes they wore to school;
 9. Any other articles which may be deemed by the administration as distracting or disruptive to the educational process.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1; 18A:11-7; 18A:11-8; 18A:11-9

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