

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students of MSAD 52 are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with a safe, respectful school learning environment. The MSAD 52 Board has established the following specific restrictions and requirements for student dress. In addition, school administrators are authorized to impose additional restrictions when, in their judgment, a student's dress disrupts the educational process or poses a threat to health or safety.

Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. In keeping with the goals of MSAD 52 to provide a safe, healthy and non-discriminatory environment for educating students for maximum academic and social development, the following restrictions on dress shall be enforced.

- A. Articles of clothing which promote the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs may not be worn on school grounds or at school functions.
- B. Clothing, footwear, insignia or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited.
- C. Articles of clothing with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd or indecent or include insulting words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs) are not permissible, or violate any Board policies or school rules.
- D. Clothing which exposes the body inappropriately is prohibited (e.g., mesh or see-through clothing, shirts which bare the midriff).
- E. Sunglasses may not be worn in classrooms.
- F. Clothing that is destructive of school property (e.g., cleats) is not permitted.
- G. Appropriate footwear must be worn in the building and on school grounds.

School administrators or teachers may require special clothing for health and safety reasons for students participating in physical education, certain extracurricular activities, work with or around machines or other activities. However, no particular brand may be required.

Students who come to school dressed inappropriately will receive a warning, and depending upon the infraction, may be sent home to change. Any school time missed must be made up after school. Administrators have the authority to suspend students for severe and/or repeated infractions of the dress code. Infractions that directly interfere with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school may be disciplined in accordance with other applicable Board policies.

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