

5511.2 DRESS AND GROOMING - Secondary School

The Board of Education recognizes that each pupil's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of the pupil's personal style and individual preferences. The Board will impose its judgment on pupils and parents or legal guardians only when a pupil's dress and grooming affect the educational program of the schools.

Pupils may not wear clothing or engage in grooming practices that present a health or safety hazard to the individual pupil or to others; materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program; cause excessive wear or damage to school property; or prevent the pupil from achieving his or her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement. The building principal shall determine whether the dress or grooming of pupils comes within these prohibitions.

Staff members shall demonstrate by example and precept wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.

All students are required to arrive at school each day well groomed and neatly dressed in a mandatory uniform. It is the student's responsibility to dress according to the approved and reasonable regulations of the Bayonne Board of Education.

With the above in mind, these specific guidelines have been developed for students in grades nine through twelve:

Clothing and Accessories

1. Are to be neat, clean, worn as intended, and of proper fit;
2. Should neither expose the wearer nor others to the possibility of physical harm or injury, i.e. untied laces for shoes, sneakers and clogs, earrings, bracelets, etc.;

Please note that within the framework of the uniform policy:

1. Shirts/tops will include the following styles: golf(polo) shirt, oxford, crew neck, mock turtleneck, regular turtleneck, and Non-Hooded sweatshirts. Shirts without collars must have a T-shirt type crew neck. All shirts must have long or short sleeves;
2. Shirt colors must be **SOLID WHITE, BLACK, GREY or GARNET (maroon)**;
3. Each shirt must have a **SCHOOL LOGO, "B"** in block lettering permanently affixed. The logo may not be applied to a non-uniform shirt. If a uniform outer garment such as a v-neck or cardigan sweater is worn, the shirt underneath must be in accordance with our dress code.

4. Pants/bottoms (shorts, skirts, etc.) must be SOLID BLACK or KHAKI (tan), no jeans or denim material. Any style permitted as long as it conforms to current policy on length and proper fit;
5. Jeans are not permitted;
6. Hats are not to be worn in the school building at anytime;
7. Coats are not to be worn during class time.
8. For security reasons any and all hooded sweatshirts/shirts, although permitted on the way to and from school, must not be worn inside the school building.

Enforcement of the mandatory uniform policy starts with each parent and student exercising responsibility and good judgment. All professional staff members have the obligation of reporting uniform policy violations. Each violation shall be documented.

1. Any violation of the mandatory uniform policy will be reported to the school authority (building principal) and the student and parent will be notified in writing;
2. A copy of the notice will be placed in the student's folder;
3. Continued violation of the mandatory uniform policy rules and regulations will result in more serious disciplinary action.

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