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## **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The Dover School Board recognizes the rights of students to express individuality through their attire. It also recognizes the rights and responsibilities of parents to determine the standards of dress for their children. On the other hand, the Dover School Board has a responsibility to assure that the atmosphere in the schools is conducive to learning.

Balancing these factors, the School Board adopts a dress policy for students which sets standards for grooming and appearance during school hours and at school functions. Teachers are charged with the responsibility of enforcing student dress code policy in their classes as well as on campus. Administrators and other school personnel share the same responsibility. Teachers shall follow building procedure for disciplinary referrals regarding dress code violations. No attempt will be made to dictate fashion styles as long as they are in keeping with district policies. It should be noted, however, that it is the responsibility of the student and the parent that the student adheres to the dress code. This policy is applicable from kindergarten through grade twelve. The School Board expects the policy to be enforced even-handedly at all times and reviewed regularly for reasonableness and consistency with community attitudes.

The following guidelines are established to provide a clear understanding the dress policy:

1. Clothing, jewelry, or accessories with decorations, patches, lettering, advertisements, etc., that may be considered disruptive, distracting, destructive, obscene, or offensive is not to be worn to school. This includes any clothing, jewelry, or accessories that could be used as weapons. Accessories having drug emblems, tobacco, or alcoholic beverage references are not permitted.
2. Shirts, blouses, and tank tops must cover the entire torso at all times. Transparent and/or see-through materials are not allowed. Crop tops, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti-strap tank tops, and basketball shirts are not acceptable unless covered by an outer shirt. Revealing necklines are not acceptable.
3. The length of a skirt, dress, culottes, or shorts must reach to the mid-thigh. No short-shorts or spandex shorts shall be allowed.

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4. Outer clothing should cover undergarments at all times.
5. Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.
6. Except for religious and/or cultural purposes, head coverings may not be worn in school.
7. Safety and protective clothing, as well as athletic and gym clothing, shall be worn as required by the subject teacher or club instructor only while participating in the activity involved.
8. Students attending school functions after school hours should adhere to the spirit and the intent of the dress code policy. Exceptions may be made for certain activities.
9. Hats and coats will be stored by the start of the instructional day.
10. When questions arise regarding the interpretation of this policy, the school administrative staff shall make a determination as to the appropriateness of student dress.