

POLICY

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Responsible Office: OFFICE OF STUDENT AND SYSTEMIC SUPPORTS, DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, DIVISION OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS

STUDENT ATTIRE AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

A. PURPOSE

To establish expectations for students regarding their attire and personal appearance.

B. ISSUE

Students have the responsibility to wear attire and to arrange their personal appearance in a manner which is healthy, safe, and does not pose a disruption to the educational process. Some schools have established school uniform requirements following the provisions of Policy JCDA and Regulation JCDA-RA – School Uniforms.

C. POSITION

1. Students shall dress in clothes that promote a safe and respectful learning environment. Clothes that cause a health or safety hazard are not appropriate and not acceptable at school.
2. Except where student health and safety may be implicated such as in chemistry or science lessons, culinary lessons, physical education, or sports classes, restrictions may not be placed on how students choose to wear their hair.
3. This policy is designed and intended to ensure that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student. Students dressed in alignment with the dress code can be free to learn and not face unnecessary barriers to school attendance.
4. Students have the right to be treated equitably and with dignity. These rights extend to the application and enforcement of this policy.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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