

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Board encourages students to project personal appearance standards that encourage student neatness, pride and a positive attitude toward self.

School dress should not threaten the health, welfare and safety of the members of the student body and enhance a positive image of the students and the District. Any form of dress or grooming which attracts undue attention, prompting a disruption of the learning environment or violating the previous statement, is unacceptable.

Requirements include the following.

1. Dress and grooming standards require cleanliness in the interest of health, sanitary conditions and safety requirements.
2. When a student is participating in school activities, his/her dress and grooming must not disrupt his/her performance or that of other students or constitute a health threat to himself/herself or other students.
3. Dress and grooming are not such as to disrupt the teaching/learning process.

Certain programs, field trips and activities may establish dress and grooming requirements outside those listed in the regulation. Such requirements are in the interest of efficient performance and a uniform appearance in public.

Uniforms

The principal, after consultation with a building committee, may recommend a uniform requirement be adopted for students. The committee, composed of the principal, staff and parents, must request specific Board approval at least six months prior to implementing a uniform requirement.

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LEGAL REFS.: U.S. Const. Amend. I
ORC 3313.20; 3313.665

CROSS REFS.: JFC, Student Conduct
JFCEA, Gangs
Student Handbooks

Canton City School District, Canton, Ohio

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The Board believes that the appearance of students affects the climate for teaching and learning. Therefore, to create an environment conducive to teaching and learning that ensures the health, welfare and safety of the members of the student body and enhances a positive image of our schools, the Board has approved the following student dress code guidelines.

1. Only clothing that is neat, in good repair and in good taste are permitted to be worn.
2. Pants and skirts are to be worn at the waist. Bare midsections, bare shoulders or exposed cleavage are not permitted. All clothing must be at least fingertip length. Formfitting shorts or boxer shorts are not permitted.
3. Clothing or accessories which bear anything (stated or implied) referring to drugs, alcohol, sexual reference, violence, cults or gangs will not be permitted. Extremes in grooming and clothing that disrupt educated standards as determined by school administrators will not be permitted.
4. No sweatbands, hats, headscarves, picks, sunglasses or combs are to be worn within the school buildings.
5. Any trend or fad that compromises the health and safety of students and staff (to self or others) is prohibited.
6. The recommendation presented to the Board for approval of uniform requirement must include:
 - A. a detailed and specific description of the uniform;
 - B. a plan and funding source(s) for providing uniforms for students unable to pay for them; District funds shall not be used to purchase uniforms without specific approval by the Board. The funding source for providing uniforms for students unable to pay may include donations, gifts, funds generated at the building level by PTA/PTO, business/community partnerships or any other source approved by the Board;
 - C. provisions consistent with the District's dress and grooming standards and
 - D. an allowance for students participating in a nationally recognized youth organization to wear the organizational uniform on days the organization has a scheduled function.
7. The decision of school officials is final in these matters.

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