

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Board of Education recognizes the value of allowing individual student expression as well as the necessity of protecting student health and safety and maintaining an atmosphere conducive to education. Student dress code procedures must be designed with the goal of balancing these competing interests.

All dress code procedures will adhere to health and safety codes and comply with applicable law. Dress that materially disrupts the educational environment will be prohibited. No procedure will impose dress and grooming rules based on gender in violation of Title IX. District procedures will specifically define ambiguous terms, and examples will be provided when practicable.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

Adopted:

Revised:

Cross Refs: EBBA, Illness and Injury Response and Prevention

Legal Refs: § 167.166, RSMo.  
*Stephenson v. Davenport Comm. Sch. Dist.*, 110 F.3d 1303 (8th Cir. 1997)  
*Bishop v. Colaw*, 450 F.2d 1069 (8th Cir. 1971)  
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1992, 20 U.S.C. § 1681  
*Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Comm. Sch. Dist.*, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)

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