

5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

The following dress code has been developed in accordance with Policy No. 5511 and in consultation with staff members of the district.

General Rules

1. Pupils are expected to be clean and well groomed in their appearance;
2. Pupils are expected to avoid extremes in appearance that are so disruptive or distracting that the reaction of other pupils is beyond normal control; and
3. Dress or grooming that jeopardizes the health and/or safety of the pupil or of other pupils or is injurious to school property will not be tolerated.

Clothing and Articles Guidelines

1. Outer garments and hats are to be kept in the pupil's classroom during the day;
2. Shoes should be worn at all times. Plastic or rubber beach/shower-type footwear is not permitted - no "flip flops". Shoes should be properly laced, buckled, or tied for safety in walking;
3. Skirts/dresses must be at least finger tip length;
4. Shorts must have an inseam of at least three inches;
5. Black-soled work boots should not be worn in school as they scuff the floors;
6. Tank tops, half-shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, backless tops, spandex pants, and bare midriffs are inappropriate and may not be worn;
7. Shirts and outerwear that include graphics, or inappropriate language, advertisements or slogans which advertise alcohol/drugs, or contain questionable language or pictures, or are offensive to the community at large are not allowed;
8. Pants should be worn at waist level and at no time should undergarments of any kind be visible;
9. Undergarments are not permitted attire for outerwear. Underwear should not be seen through garments, above or below pants, shorts or skirts;

10. Heavy metal chains worn from the belt, around the neck and/or waist;
11. Portable audio, video, and/or toy devices are not to be brought to school; and
12. Any other attire deemed inappropriate by the administration or school nurse will be prohibited.

Enforcement

1. Teaching staff members will report perceived violations of the dress code to the administration, designee or school nurse;
2. Pupils who publicly represent the school or a school organization at an activity away from the school district are required to dress in full accordance with the reasonable expectations of the staff member in charge of the activity. Pupils unwilling to comply with this requirement will disqualify themselves from participation;
3. Pupils will not be permitted to attend a school-related function, such as a field trip or after-school activity unless they are attired and groomed in accordance with this dress code;
4. The Principal may waive any portion of the dress code on a day especially scheduled for pupils' free expression in dress and grooming;
5. An appeal may be made to the Superintendent whose decision will be final; and
6. Discipline for infractions will follow the Washington Township Student Code of Conduct and all approved discipline and pupil behavioral policies/regulations.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1; 18A:11-7; 18A:11-8; 18A:11-9

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