

CONNEAUT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 12.11	The purpose of implementing this student dress code policy for all students in grades Kindergarten through 12 is to strengthen the learning environment for classroom instruction and academic performance; prevent disruption to the educational process; prevent distraction to students, staff and the educational process; facilitate learning; increase the atmosphere for school pride and personal appearance; and enhance the image of students and the school in the Conneaut School District community.
SC 1317.3	The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school. Students are required to be neat, clean, fully clothed, and facially identifiable at all times.
Title 22 Sec. 12.11 (c)	Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, vocational agriculture, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to enforce school rules prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which the Superintendent or principal determine to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student him/herself or to others in the school. 2. Materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program, or are inappropriate for school dress. 3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property. 4. Prevent the student from achieving his/her educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

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<p>Pol. 325, 425, 525</p>	<p>The building principal shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming and to make the final determination on compliance.</p> <p>Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate by example neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance. Staff will also receive yearly in-service regarding the dress and grooming policy for students. The teacher's role is to report inappropriate dress and grooming to the building principal or his/her designee.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality. However, parents/guardians and students must be aware that trends and fashions of the day may not be appropriate for the classroom.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>Inappropriate items for the school day include but are not exclusive of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clothing, apparel, or jewelry that by words, signs, pictures, or any other combinations thereof, advocates or promotes sexual activity, violence, death, suicide, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, or demeans, degrades, or intimidates another because of race, sex, religious persuasions, sexual persuasion, national origin, disability, or gang membership.2. Apparel that reveals or exposes the midriff/lower back or sides of the upper body or torso or undergarments.3. Any clothing that is excessively tight, or loose, is of transparent material, see through material, that is ripped, contains holes, torn, or has suggestive signs or symbols.4. Any clothing through which underwear or any type of undergarment may be seen.5. Outerwear such as coats, hats and jackets. Exception: coats may be worn when the teacher determines the room is extremely cold.6. Spandex, pajamas, yoga pants, clothing which does not cover backs, clothing which permits viewing of cleavage, halter tops, shirts with open sides, spaghetti strap tops, and muscle/tank shirts. Sleeveless clothing is prohibited. The fabric of the inner-most top must be no lower than 3" below the sternal notch.7. Spikes, dog chains, chokers, ball bearing chains, wallet chains, or other jewelry that increases the risk for accidents.

8. Non prescription sunglasses (inside school facilities).

In addition:

9. Shorts, skirts and dresses cannot be shorter than two inches above the knee.

10. All pants or slacks must be worn to prevent slipping to the hip level.

11. Footwear must be worn at all times. Slippers and rubber flip flops are strictly prohibited. Flip flops are defined as flat and backless consisting of a flat sole held loosely on the foot by a Y-shaped or V-shaped trap, like a thin thong, that passes between the first (big) and second toes and round either side of the foot. Slippers are defined as: a light shoe of some soft material, with or without a hard bottom that is meant for wearing around the house. Shoes with wheels (“heelies”) are strictly prohibited.

12. Activity-specific dress such as cheerleading uniforms or other athletic uniforms must meet dress code requirements and are only permitted on days designated as school spirit days by the building principal.

This policy describes the district’s minimum dress code and grooming requirements. Each building has a student handbook, which may contain additional requirements associated with that specific building. The individual building requirements are to be considered to be applicable and in addition to those found herein. Students and parents/guardians should make themselves aware of the requirements of each building which serves their student.

New students enrolling in Conneaut School District will be provided a grace period of no more than fifteen (15) days (calendar) to comply with the dress and grooming policy.

Dress code for formal dress dances are addressed in the High School Student Handbook.

VIOLATIONS

Grades K-4

First Offense -

The student shall be given an opportunity to correct the infraction in school by either calling home for appropriate clothing or obtaining the appropriate clothing from the nurse's office.

Second Offense - Administrative One (1) Hour detention.

Third Offense - Two (2) Hour detention.

Fourth Offense - In School Suspension

Grades 5-12

First Offense -

The student shall be given an opportunity to correct the infraction in school either by obtaining appropriate clothing on his/her own or from the nurse's office.

If the student is unable to correct the infraction in school, an attempt shall be made to contact the student's parent/guardian to request that appropriate clothing be brought to the school so the student may be in compliance with the Dress Code. The student shall wait in the In School Suspension program until apparel changes are made.

If the student's parent/guardian cannot be reached or is unable/unwilling to deliver appropriate clothing to the school, the student shall be placed in the In School Suspension Program for the balance of the school day with instructions to report the following day dressed appropriately.

Second Offense - In School Suspension.

Subsequent and Chronic Offenses - the student will be assigned a period of suspension.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.3

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.11

Board Policy – 325, 425, 525