



Dearborn Schools Student Dress Code

Middle School

OL SMITH ADHERES TO THE DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DRESS CODE POLICY

Dearborn Schools District is committed to providing all students with a safe and positive learning environment. Dress code adherence is a reflection on you, your family and the school community at each of our schools. In addition, dress code is fundamental to helping students learn a future employability/social skill, which is required for success in getting and keeping employment linked to appearance. The guidelines below promote student safety and an environment that is conducive to learning.

- Pants and shorts must fit at the waist and cover undergarments.
- Shorts and skirts must come to mid thigh
- Tops must cover undergarments completely.
- Tops must cover midriff and chests.
- Clothing that has writing and artwork must be free of images or references to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, profanity, gang references i.e. bandannas, or references that degrade or are offensive to any gender, race, color, religion or sexual orientation
- No sunglasses, hats, hoods.
- Safe footwear must be worn at all times.

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5511 - DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall establish such grooming guidelines as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes. Such guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

- A. present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
- B. interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
- C. cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
- D. prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

The Superintendent may establish the dress requirements for members of the athletic teams, bands, and other school groups when representing the District at a public event.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy which:

- A. designate the building principal as the arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building;
- B. instruct staff members to demonstrate, by example and precept, personal neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.