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Purpose

The North Schuylkill Board of Education recognizes every student's right to freedom of expression in speech, written or oral, as that right is guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the United States Supreme Court.

The Board also recognizes its obligation to provide schools where the health, safety, and welfare of the students who attend our schools are given paramount consideration and where a positive learning environment must be maintained.

The Board is aware of its obligation to make every effort to minimize the opportunities for student disruption and/or distraction in the school.

The Board believes that a standard dress code policy will address the issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of the students attending its school and will further aid in the maintenance of a positive learning environment.

Authority

The North Schuylkill School District, by the authority granted to it under the law, hereby immediately imposes a standard dress code policy for grades K-12 for the 2022-2023 school term and all upcoming terms during instructional hours and during any school day related activities (i.e., field trips).[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

During instructional hours and at any school-sponsored event on or off school property, no student shall wear any apparel or jewelry that by words, signs, pictures or combination thereof appearing on the said clothing or jewelry advocates or promotes gang activity, weapons, sexual activity, violence, or the use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs, or demeans or degrades another because of race, sex, religious persuasion, national origin, handicap or disability.

Guidelines

The Board of Education is cognizant of the diversity of the students within the school district and that certain students may have a religious preference/medical condition which precludes the adherence to the standard dress code policy.

The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may submit documentation reasonably requested by the Board of Education to establish their objection.

Penalties

Any student who violates the school standard dress code policy shall be subject to the following:

First Offense: Notify parent/guardian to bring in appropriate clothing. Student will remain in the in-school suspension room, until proper attire is provided by the parent/guardian.

Second Offense: Parent/Guardian meeting is required. Student will remain in the in-school suspension room and will be assigned detention.

Third Offense: Parent/Guardian meeting is required. Student will be assigned a detention, or such other appropriate discipline as determined by the building principal.

Further Offenses: Parent/Guardian meeting is required. Student will be assigned out-of-school suspension.

Repeated violations of the standard dress code shall be treated as disruptive behavior as noted in the discipline policy.[3]

Standard Dress Code

Wearing of Shorts/Skirts/Dresses -

Secondary - Shorts of mid-thigh length or longer may be worn during the school year with consideration given to temperature and weather conditions.

Skirts/Dresses of mid-thigh length or longer may be worn during the school year.

Elementary - Shorts of mid-thigh length or longer may not be worn during the school year from November 15 through March 15, providing the weather is appropriate for such attire.

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Inappropriate Dress -

The clothing items noted below are considered inappropriate and are not permitted to be worn in school. This is not an all-inclusive list as the administration maintains the right to determine articles of clothing that may be disruptive to the educational process:

- Tops that expose the mid-section of the body
- Tops that expose bare shoulders
- Spaghetti straps
- Any sleeveless clothing
- Tank tops and muscle shirts
- Outerwear coats
- Any holes in jeans/pants/shorts
- Pajamas

- Leggings
- Biker shorts or spandex
- Bathing suits or swimwear
- Clothing which hangs from the body and/or may drag on the floor
- Clothing purposely exposing undergarments
- Spiked jewelry and wallet chains
- Hats or Head Coverings (except for religious beliefs)
- Kerchiefs or bandanas
- Roller sneakers
- Sunglasses
- Gloves
- No slippers
- No flip flops (NSE only)

Delegation of Responsibility

Principals will use their discretion on any individual issues regarding the standard dress code; all principals' decisions are final.

The administration of the North Schuylkill School District reserves the right to amend the dress code for clothing styles that become trends which are associated with anti-social behavior or have a disruptive influence.