

STUDENT DRESS CODE

NEPN/NSBA CODE: JICA

The purpose of this policy is designed to clarify expectations for students regarding appropriate dress while at Rangeley Lakes Regional School. Clothing is expected to fit our educational mission. The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and their parents/guardians. We expect students to maintain an appearance that is not distracting to other students and staff or to detriment of the education process of the school. We expect that students present general cleanliness.

Students are expected to wear clothing suitable to the learning environment. Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and other in their choice of clothing. In keeping with the goals of the school unit to provide a safe, healthy and non-discriminatory environment for education students for maximum academic and social development, we ask that the following expectations be met. Individual teacher enforcement of expectations is to be respected by students.

- A. Articles of clothing that promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, weaponry, violence, profanity or drugs may not be worn on school grounds (when school is in session) or at school functions.
- B. Clothing, footwear, insignia or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited.
- C. Articles of clothing with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd harassing, indecent or include insulting words (e.g. racial/ethnic slurs) are impermissible.
- D. Clothing that is destructive of school property (e.g. cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture) is not permitted
- E. Hats are permitted **for high school students only** with the following exceptions:
 - * in classrooms and in other teaching spaces at the teacher's discretion
 - * at assemblies and class meetings

Dress requirements shall include but not be limited to:

- Clothing that is clean and appropriately covers the body.
- Appropriate footwear at all times.
- Clothing that is necessary for health and safety reasons -e.g. lab coats and goggles, physical education attire, etc.

Dress restrictions shall include but not be limited to:

- Any clothing that allows bare midriffs: exposes private anatomy; is strapless, employs "spaghetti straps" or exposes bra straps; exposes excessive cleavage; is excessively tight, form fitting or short; is a halter top or tube top; is either low or short enough to expose underwear or private anatomy is prohibited.
- Clothing of any type that displays directly or indirectly references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual references, illegal activities or acts.

- Clothing of any type that is seen by the principal or his/her designee to violate in any manner the Board's policies regarding discrimination or harassment.
- Sunglasses unless approved for medical reasons (a doctor's note shall be required).
- Clothing, jewelry or accessories that could be used to mar or destroy school property; pose a safety hazard to the student or others; or be used as a weapon.

The administration reserves the right to make determinations about acceptable or unacceptable as well as appropriate disciplinary action.

Cross reference: AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
ACAA – Harassment/Sexual Harassment of Students
JIC- Student Code of Conduct
JICIA – Weapons, Violence, Bullying and School Safety
JICK – Bullying
JK – Student Discipline
JKB – Detention of Students
JKD – Suspension of Students
JKE – Expulsion of students

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