

## **Policy ~~5511~~ 441 – Student Dress and Grooming**

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*2<sup>nd</sup> reading*

*3<sup>rd</sup> reading*

**Statutory authority**      West Virginia Board of Education Policy 4373

### **Administrative Guidelines**

(none)

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 and process of the schools. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish a reasonable dress code in order to promote a safe and healthy school setting and to enhance the educational movement. The dress code shall be incorporated into the Student Code of Conduct or ~~Discipline Code~~.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall establish such dress and 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, safety or welfare of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
- B. materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational process;
- C. distracts or is indecent to the extent that it interferes with the teaching and learning process;
- D. displays or promotes drug, alcohol or tobacco-related product that is prohibited in school buildings, on school grounds, in school-leased or owned vehicles and at all school-affiliated functions;
- E. cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
- F. prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Such guidelines, shall establish the dress requirements for members of the athletic teams, bands, and other school groups when representing Roane County Schools at a public event.

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

- A. designate the principal as the arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building;
- B. instruct staff members to demonstrate by example and precept wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance;
- C. ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only minimum and necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.

Students who violate the foregoing rules will not be admitted to class and may be suspended from school.