

NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT DRESS CODE POLICY	Approved: 8/25/10 Revised: 7/22/15

DRESS CODE K-12

In order to enhance the educational environment and promote proper personal growth habits, a dress code has been established for the North Providence Public Schools. The purpose of this code is to remove distracting, disruptive, inappropriate, offensive, and unsafe clothing, footwear, accessories, and apparel from the educational environment. The code has been written not to infringe upon the individuality of the students, but rather to create a safe climate conducive to teaching and learning.

Students are required to comply with the following:

1. Articles of clothing must cover the torso, to be appropriate to the school environment and/or non-disruptive in the classroom. No tank tops, muscle shirts, halter-tops, shorts or short skirts having lengths that are above fingertips when arms are by student's side, etc.
2. Sunglasses may not be worn in school, unless medical reasons exist.
3. No hats, hoods, or any other type of headwear, may be worn within the building by any student, unless medical reasons exist.
4. No clothing that promotes alcohol or drugs, violence, profanity, illegal activity, or is obscene, as the word is construed by the United States Supreme Court decisions, shall be worn in a school building.
5. Coats and/or gloves worn as outerwear may not be worn within the building during school hours.
6. Any electronic device including, but not limited to, lasers, cell phones, gaming devices, music players with headphones/earbuds, and games/toys are not allowed to be used in schools without permission of the Principal.
7. No flip-flops or backless shoes should be worn at the elementary level for safety reasons. All students must wear appropriate footwear for physical education class.

The School Committee recognizes that a student may be exempt from the provisions of the dress code if granted by the building Principal upon presentation of substantive evidence. All exceptions will be reviewed periodically by the Principal.