

NORTH PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DRESS CODE POLICY	Approved: 8/25/10 Updated:

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 students' side, etc.~~
- ~~2. Sunglasses may not be worn in school, unless medical documented 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 constructed 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. Throughout the duration of all physical education classes shoes need to cover the toes and heels.~~

~~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.~~

North Providence Public Schools is committed to being a diverse and inclusive community and respects students' rights to express themselves through their dress.

As such, the responsibility for the dress and appearance of the students will rest with individual students and their parents. They have the right to determine how the student will dress provided that their attire meets minimum requirements for health and safety and does NOT:

Defame, demean or promote violence or aggression against any individual or group

Promote the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products

Reference sexually provocative or explicit content

Cause disorder or disruption in the school

Guidelines for student dress, which will be developed and enforced by the administration in individual schools, shall be written in a manner free from discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, genetic information, disability, pregnancy or a related condition, veteran status, age, or homelessness.

School administrators are authorized to take action when students' attire does not meet the stated requirements. Enforcement of the dress code should be done in the least restrictive manner to reduce disruption to the student's school day, minimize the loss of instructional time, and preserve the respect and dignity of both the student and the school community.

It presents a clear and present danger to the student's health and safety, causes interference with school work, or creates a classroom or school disorder.

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