

<b>NORTH PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DRESS CODE POLICY</b>	<b>Approved: 8/25/2010 Updated: 1/29/2025</b>

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.

Student dress should not pose a clear and present danger to the student's health and safety, cause interference with school work, or create a classroom or school disorder.

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