

# JUNIATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. Good grooming, cleanliness and appropriate dress are important institutional concerns. Notwithstanding the value of individual choice in the selection of appropriate clothing to wear to school, the Juniata County School District strongly encourages parents to instruct their children of the importance of good taste in the selection of school clothing. The school setting is first and foremost a center for group learning; therefore what an individual does will have an impact on others. It is in this context that the Juniata County School District's policy statement on appropriate dress is written.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1317.3 Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p>	<p>The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school. The Board will not interfere with the rights of students and their parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices disrupt the educational program of the schools or affect the health and safety of others.</p>
<p>SC 1317.3 Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p>	<p>All persons who attend or visit schools and activities in the Juniata County School District are urged to use reasonable discretion in the selection of wearing apparel. Persons who wear clothing which is improperly fitted or is otherwise a significant disruptive influence on the learning-teaching environment, will be requested to meet privately with the school principal. If the problem cannot be rectified, the principal shall notify the district superintendent for further direction.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p>	<p>The School Board reserves the right to adopt a dress code anytime it is deemed that student dress is not appropriate during the school year if problems develop.</p>
	<p>Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.</p>
	<p>The following is an itemization of clothing or conditions deemed to be inappropriate dress for pupils in the Juniata County School District and are not to be worn:</p>

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22</p>	<p>(Exceptions will be made by Principals for recess, proms, phys ed, and certain other events.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No halter/mesh tops/strapless tops/spaghetti straps.</li> <li>2. Bare midriffs are not permitted. This is defined to mean no skin showing between the bottom of the shirt and top of the pants area.</li> <li>3. Underwear may not be exposed.</li> <li>4. See-through blouses or shirts.</li> <li>5. Hats, caps, scarves, or hoods on the head in the building at any time. (The building principal may authorize head coverings for medical/cultural reasons as appropriate.)</li> <li>6. Logos or sayings on clothing or person may not promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang/cult behavior, offensive language, or inappropriate behavior, nor cause distraction from the educational process. This also includes pins and buttons.</li> <li>7. Footwear must be worn at all times. Rubber flip-flops/shower shoes are not to be worn by elementary school students between October 31 and April 1.</li> <li>8. If shorts or skirts are worn, the shorts should be no shorter than halfway between the knees and the waistline, and skirts should be no shorter than approximately two inches above the knees. Shorts are defined as being garments that have split legs and terminate above the knees. Elementary school students are permitted to wear shorts only from the first day of school until October 31, and from April 1 until the last day of school.</li> </ol> <p>If the student does not follow the above requirements, the parents/guardians shall be called to bring the proper attire to school or the student changes their clothes. Students failing to meet these requirements will not be permitted to return to regular classes for the day.</p> <p>The building principal or designee shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming and to enforce school rules prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or to others in the school.</li> <li>2. Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.</li> <li>3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.</li> <li>4. Prevent the student from achieving educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.</li> </ol> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy</p>
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<p>Sec. 12.11</p>	<p>impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.</p>
<p>Pol. 325, 425, 525</p>	<p>Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate by example positive attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.</p>
<p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p>	
<p>School Code 1317.3</p>	
<p>Board Policy 325, 425, 525</p>	