

## STUDENT APPEARANCE

The board believes inappropriate student appearance may cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors.

Students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a good learning environment. The standards will be those generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a school setting.

The board expects students to be clean and well groomed and wear clothes in good repair and appropriate for the time, place, and occasion. Clothing or other apparel promoting products illegal for use by minors and clothing or other apparel displaying obscene material, profanity, or reference to prohibited conduct and hats are disallowed. While the primary responsibility for students, personal appearance lies with the students and their parents, appearance disruptive to the educational program will not be tolerated. When, in the judgment of a principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.

Legal Reference:        Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).  
                             Bethal School District v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).  
                             Tinker v. Des Moines Ind. Comm. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).  
                             Bystrom v. Fridley High School, 822 F.2d 747 (8th Cir. 1987).  
                             Torvik v. Decorah Community School, 453 F. 2d 779 (8th Cir. 1972).  
                             Turley v. Adel Community School District, 322 F. Supp. 402 (S.D. Iowa 1971).  
                             Sims v. Colfax Comm. School Dist., 307 F. Supp. 485 (Iowa 1970).  
                             Iowa Code §279.8

Cross Reference:        500     Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for  
   Students  
   502     Student Rights and Responsibilities

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