

Hammonton Board of Education District Policy Manual

Students Dress Code Guidelines

Series 5000
Policy 5132

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The Hammonton Board of Education believes that good grooming and proper attire help to advance the educational program of the school district. The Board also believes proper dress and good grooming:

- A. Provide increased safety in the schools;
- B. Help focus students on academics; and,
- C. Promote a positive school climate;

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to send their children to school properly dressed. Habits of good grooming and appropriate dress shall be discussed at each school. Pupils have a responsibility to dress, both in school and for activities during which they represent the school, according to regulations established for pupil dress codes. Students shall be encouraged to dress in attire that is neat and comfortable. Extremes in attire that may be in bad taste, disruptive to classes and a possible safety or health hazard in certain classroom settings shall not be permitted.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to develop regulations prohibiting pupil dress or grooming practices that:

- A. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the pupil himself/herself or others in the schools;
- B. Materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
- C. Afford the opportunity to conceal weapons or other banned items;
- D. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property; and/or,
- E. Prevent the pupil from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Minimum standards shall take into account cleanliness, neatness, health and appropriateness.

All students attending the Hammonton Schools are expected to follow/comply with the dress guidelines as described in this policy.

The following are general guidelines and specific requirements of this policy:

Pants

- Shall be sized to fit
- May have a maximum of 4 pockets not including a watch pocket (i.e., "cargo pants are not permitted)
- Are to be secured at the waist

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Shorts

- May only be worn before October 15th and after April 15th unless specifically permitted by the administration
- Shall be sized to fit
- Are to be secured at the waist
- May have a maximum of 4 pockets not including a watch pocket
- Are not to be cut-offs or made of Spandex®
- Shall be hemmed no shorter than 3” above the center of the knee

Skirts / Skorts

- Shall be sized to fit
- Are to be secured at the waist
- May have a maximum of 4 pockets not including a watch pocket
- Shall be hemmed no shorter than 3” above the center of the knee

Dresses / Jumpers

- Shall be sized to fit
- May have a maximum of 4 pockets not including a watch pocket
- Shall be hemmed no shorter than 3” above the center of the knee
- Jumpers shall include a shirt as described below

Shirts / Blouses

- Long or short sleeved shirts shall be sized to fit
- Shall not expose the midriff

Shoes

- Shall not create a safety hazard to the student or others
- Shall have a back or a strap (Flip-flops are expressly forbidden)
- Are to be appropriate for the activity at which they are worn
- Shall not contain wheels or any other mechanical device

Outerwear

- Shall not be worn in school buildings unless specifically permitted by the administration

Hats or Other Head Coverings

- Are not to be worn in school buildings unless specifically permitted by the administration

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Accessories

- Shall not include any chains, ropes or spikes that may be used as a weapon
- Back packs and book bags are to be stored in the student's locker and not carried through the school

The following are additional requirements of this policy apply to the regular school program with the exception of athletic participation:

- A. For the safety of students, shoes and sneakers shall be laced up and tied.
- B. No halter tops, tube tops, see-through and/or low-cut tops shall be worn.
- C. No garment shall include spaghetti straps.
- D. No garment with offensive or obscene language or graphics and/or advertising alcohol or drugs shall be worn.
- E. Garments with hoods are not permitted.
- F. Boxer shorts or other forms of underwear will not be permitted to be worn as outer garments.
- G. Pajamas or other forms of sleepwear will not be permitted to be worn.
- H. Clothing with "cut-out" sections is unacceptable attire.
- I. No gang-related paraphernalia to be carried or worn in school.
- J. Clothing that is excessively soiled, torn, worn, defaced, ripped, mutilated, damaged, discolored, or deteriorated is not permitted.
- K. Bandanas or any other display of "colors" are prohibited
- L. Clothes shall not have suggestive language or language that promotes violence printed or embroidered on them.
- M. Sunglasses are not to be worn in school unless specifically permitted by the administration.
- N. Other clothing items, which in the opinion of the administration are deemed to be unsafe or create an unsafe or educationally disruptive atmosphere shall be prohibited.

Compliance Measures

If necessary, disciplinary action may be taken to encourage compliance.

Pupils who are wearing questionable attire will be sent to an administrator where a determination will be made to appropriateness.

Legal References

- NJSA 18A:11-7 Findings relative to school dress codes
- 18A:11-8 Adoption of dress code policy for school permitted
- 18A:11-9 Prohibition of gang-related apparel
- 18A:37-1 Submission of pupils to authority