

STUDENTS

Student Appearance

A student's appearance, including dress and hygiene, must not disrupt the educational process or compromise standards of health and safety. The District does not prohibit hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protected hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists.

Students may:

1. Display religious messages on items of clothing to the same extent that they are permitted to display other messages;
2. Wear attire that is part of the student's religious practice;
3. Wear or display expressive items, such as a button, as long as such items do not contribute to disruption by substantially interfering with discipline or with the rights of others, and
4. Wear the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts on regular meeting days.

Students who disrupt the educational process or compromise standards of health and safety must modify their appearance. Procedures for handling students who dress or groom inappropriately will be developed by the Superintendent or his or her designee and included in the Parent-Student Handbook.

LEGAL REF: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25, and 5/10-22.25b

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).

CROSS REF: 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities, 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

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