



# Green Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Green Township School District,

Spring is upon us in Green, and we are thrilled for the warmer temperatures to return! Looking forward towards warm spring days, I wanted to remind everyone about our student dress code expectations. I met with our students in grades 5-8 today in lunch periods to review our student dress code. Please know that while current fashion is promoting a certain style, our dress code will remain in accordance with Policy No. 5511. For your convenience, the expectations for dress code are listed below.

## A. General Rules

1. Pupils are expected to be clean and well-groomed in their appearance.
2. Pupils are expected to avoid dress and grooming that is likely to create a material and substantial disruption to the school environment.
3. Dress or grooming that jeopardizes the health or safety of the pupil or of other pupils or is injurious to school property will not be tolerated.

## B. Prohibited Clothing and Articles

The following garments and articles are prohibited in school and at school-sponsored indoor events:

1. Extremely low-cut, tight fitting or transparent clothes, bare midriffs, and suggestive clothing, halter tops, tube tops, strapless tops, excessive bare midriff tops, spaghetti strap tops/dresses, mesh or revealing shirts or tops. Excessively short shorts/skirts/dresses are all unacceptable as school attire.
2. Skirts, dresses, and pants that end higher than mid-thigh;
3. Bare feet, unsafe footwear, cleated shoes, and footwear intended for the beach; open backed shoes (such as flip flops);
4. Patches and decorations that are offensive or obscene;
5. Undershirts (underwear) worn without an outer shirt;
6. Clothing that is overly soiled, torn, worn, or defaced;
7. Nonprescription sunglasses, glazed, and tinted glasses, except as prescribed by the pupil's doctor;
8. Portable audio or video devices;
9. Other summoning devices, except as permitted in Policy No. 2360;



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10. Clothing, apparel and/or accessories which indicate affiliation with any gang associated with criminal activity or have references to alcohol, controlled dangerous substances, or tobacco;
11. Clothing containing profanity or sexual references or innuendoes;
12. Clothing which includes racial or ethnic violence;
13. Hats, hoods, visors, headbands and other headgear unless allowed by the individual teacher, but not allowed in hallways.
14. Any clothing that is likely to create a material and substantial disruption to the school environment.

## C. Physical Education

1. Pupils shall wear the following types of clothing for physical education classes:
  - a. Appropriate clothing suitable for indoor physical education activities and a sweatshirt or appropriate outerwear for outdoor activities in cool weather.

## D. Enforcement

1. Teaching staff members will report perceived violations of the dress code to the Building Principal or designee, who will interpret and apply the code.
2. Pupils who publicly represent the school or a school organization at an activity away from the school district are required to dress in full accordance with the reasonable expectations of the staff member in charge of the activity. Pupils unwilling to comply with this requirement will disqualify themselves from participation.
3. Pupils will not be permitted to attend a school-related function, such as a field trip, after-school activity unless they are attired and groomed in accordance with this dress code and the reasonable expectations of the staff member in charge.
4. The Principal may waive application of the dress code for special school activity days.
5. If a student does not dress in accordance with the above policy, the parent will be called to bring appropriate change of clothing or the parent may take the student home to change. A student will not be allowed to participate in any co-curricular or class activities if dressed inappropriately.
6. A pupil whose dress or grooming has been found by the Principal or designee to violate this Regulation may appeal the determination to the Superintendent.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Cenatiempo, Ed.D.