

**SUBJECT:**            **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

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### **2.0    Issuance of Administrative Regulations/Standard Operating Procedures**

The General Superintendent has developed administrative regulations and/or standard operating procedures to implement this policy.

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Failure to comply with this policy or the corresponding regulations and/or procedures may result in a recommendation to the General Superintendent for appropriate disciplinary action.

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**Attachments to Policy 9.68:** Administrative Regulation 11.1 – Student Dress Code

**See also:** *Student Code of Conduct, Board of Education Bylaws Art. I, Section A*

**Legal References:** MCLA § 380.401a (General Powers of a First Class School District)  
MCLA § 380.11a (3)(b) (General Powers of a school district to provide for the safety and welfare of pupils)

**Labor Contract References:** None

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**Labor Contract References:** None

**DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

**STUDENT DRESS CODE**

**This Administrative Regulation Implements Detroit Public Schools Policy 11.1 – Student Dress Code**

**1.0 Student Dress Code – All Students K–12**

All students, including students exempted from the student dress code, are expected to exemplify proper grooming standards in a manner that projects an appropriate image for the student, school, and district.

Shirts shall be worn inside slacks with belts at all times by all students unless the shirts are designed to be worn outside of the slacks or the pants are designed to be worn without a belt.

The district shall not require specific brands of clothing. All clothing items must be of an approved color from the common color selections presented in this dress code policy.

**Slacks and Pants:**

- **Color:** All slacks and pants must be a solid color: Khaki, navy blue, or black .
- **Style:** Slacks and pants can be pleated or flat front, full length, appropriately fastened at the waist.
- **Material:** Cotton, canvas, corduroy, linen, polyester, wool or fabric blends.

**Tops:**

- **Shirts and blouses** must have button down or straight collars. Turtlenecks and polo styles are permitted. All tops must be worn tucked inside pants, slacks or skirts.
- **Color:** All students shall wear white, blue, black, yellow or pink.
- **Style:** Long or short sleeves with a collar required. Turtlenecks and polo styles are permitted.
- **Logos:** Manufacture trademarks, if any, must be one inch or less. DPS school logos are permitted and are not limited in size.

**Skirts and Jumpers/Skorts Grades K-12:**

- **Color:** Khaki, navy blue and black, in a solid, single color.
- **Style:** Skirts must be at least knee length.

**Jackets, Cardigans, and Sweaters:**

- **Color:** Should match an accepted uniform color
- **Style:** All must be worn over a collared shirt, turtleneck or polo style top. Jackets for middle school and high school students cannot have hoods.

**Footwear:**

- **Style:** Athletic shoes, laced shoes and/or shoe boots, loafers, dress shoes, or other closed toed/closed heel shoes. Mules described as closed toed and open heel are appropriate. Students shall not wear house slippers, flip-flops, or any other type of

footwear that could constitute a safety hazard. Students are also prohibited from wearing steel-toed boots or shoes to school.

## **2.0 Additional Requirements Grades 9-12:**

### **Identification Badges**

In addition to the guidelines presented below, secondary students are required to wear student ID badges on campus and at other campus events. (See Student Code of Conduct)

## **3.0 Inappropriate Attire**

The following clothing is considered "*inappropriate attire*" pursuant to this policy:

- Dresses, skirts, and shorts shorter than the student's fingertips when standing in a normal position with the arms down.
- Clothing that is either revealing or provocative, showing abdomen region or cleavage, T-shirts or halter tops, biker pants, or pants allowed to sag below the waistline or are excessively tight.
- Bedtime attire, such as pajamas, or undershirts or undergarments as outerwear.
- Students' clothing or tattoos may not have printed statements or pictures on either that are related to the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or sex, or that promote hate and/or violence or signify gang affiliation.
- Attire that may be considered weapons, including but not limited to chain belts or wallet chains.
- Jewelry or similar artifacts that are obscene or may cause disruptions to the educational environment.
- Facial jewelry and visible body piercing, including piercing of the tongue, during school hours.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, or do-rags, except headwear worn for legitimate religious purposes.
- Visible body piercing(s), during school hours.
- Hair rollers, hair curlers, plastic hair bags, hairnets, sweat bands and skullcaps.

## **4.0 Violations**

Whether or not a student is dressed appropriately or properly groomed shall be left to the discretion of the principal or his/her designee. A student whose clothing or apparel violates the dress code may be subject to in-school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school.

## **5.0 Request For Exemption - Objection Process**


All students shall wear the approved school uniform unless the parent or guardian has requested an exemption from the policy. A parent or guardian of a student may request the student be exempted from the mandatory requirement on the basis of a religious objection, a medical reason or because of financial hardship.

**6.0 New Students**

The principal shall establish procedures and maintain a minimum inventory of required student clothing to provide a basic set of clothing (shirt and pants) to new students who do not have appropriate required attire.

**Document: DPS Policy 11.1 and Administrative Regulation 11-1 – Student Dress Code, May 2006**

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