

TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Tolland, Connecticut

BOARD POLICY

REGARDING: Student Dress

Number: 5100
Students

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It is understood that the spectrum of the K-12 student body presents different issues regarding appropriate dress; therefore, the Tolland Board of Education expects the building administrator and his/her designee to implement the intent of this policy accordingly. In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process, the Board of Education provides the school Administration full discretion regarding dress code matters and prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day:

- a. Footwear which mars floors or is a safety hazard.
- b. Sunglasses, when worn.
- c. "Name" or other oversized metal belt buckles and all metal belts or combination of metal and leather belts.
- d. Spiked or studded bracelets, oversized or multi-finger rings, belts or any other article of attire with spikes or studs attached, or any other clothing item that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.
- e. Attire or accessories which contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures likely to unduly disrupt the educational environment, or which constitute "fighting words".
- f. Attire or accessories, which depict logo or emblems, that are disruptive of the educational process. Some examples of disruptive dress are those that exhibit and/or promote profanity, sexism, racism, homophobia, drugs, alcohol, tobacco use or items that could cause physical harm to yourself or others.
- g. Shirts and/or blouses which reveal the abdomen when arms are at the side, bare chest, cleavage or undergarments.

- h. See-through clothing, strapless shirts, shirts and tops which do not cover the lower half of the back or sides of the body.
- i. Shorts, miniskirts, or pants which reveal the upper half of the thigh or undergarments.
- j. If permitted by the school Administration backpacks and/or book bags are allowed to be carried between classes, but shall not obstruct safe passage in the classroom or in the corridors.

Students who fail to comply with Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be subject to school discipline up to and including expulsion in accordance with the Board's policy on student discipline.