

# **Quinton Township Board of Education**

## **District Policy Manual**

### **Students**

#### **Student Dress Code 5000**

#### **Policy 5132**

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The Purpose of this student dress code is to establish limits on extremes in student appearance and to promote a safe and friendly school environment that accepts all students. The focus of attention shall be on student learning, not what the student chooses to wear to school. Some clothing items may be looked upon as attractive, however, those items are not always appropriate to the school environment.

Dress that detracts from the educational experience of other students will not be permitted. Clothing and accessories worn by students should be appropriate and meet health and safety needs in school. The students will be notified and parents may be contacted to discuss appropriate school attire.

- All clothing must be neat, clean, and in a condition of good repair
- Clothing or accessories may not display offensive, vulgar language or images, and must not advertise products which students may not legally purchase.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist and must be appropriately sized. (Pajamas and/or sleepwear are prohibited, except on designated days.)
- Clothing designed to be worn as undergarments may not be visible.
- No headwear is to be worn in the building during the school day. This includes, but is not limited to: hats, bandanas, scarves, earmuffs, sunglasses, or any other head covering, including hoods. (Exception: Any headwear worn for religious beliefs or doctor's prescriptions, with the appropriate documentation acceptable to the Administration.)

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- Shirts, blouses and dresses must completely cover the abdomen and midriff. Excessively revealing clothing such as halter tops, strapless shirts, and spaghetti strap tank tops are not permitted.
- Heavy, bulky jackets, or overcoats, as determined by the Administration, should be put away while in the building.
- Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length or below.
- Clothes should not have holes.
- Safe and appropriate footwear for indoor or outdoor activities must be worn at all times (slippers, heelys, and/or flip-flops are not permitted).
- Students wearing jewelry or accessories that may be considered unsafe or inappropriate to the learning environment may be subject to review by the Administration.
- Sweaters, sweatshirts, and lightweight jackets (appropriately sized) can be worn inside school for warmth.
- Any other garments or accessories that would be a distraction to the orderly educational process are prohibited at the discretion of Administration.

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Responsibility for complying with the provisions of this student dress code policy rests with the students and their parents/guardians. The Administration has the responsibility of enforcing these established standards in order to ensure that the instructional program of the school may operate fully and effectively for all students, free of interference and distraction, and without hazard or threat to their health, safety, and general welfare. Dress or appearance which distracts to the extent it affects the educational program may be cause for disciplinary action.

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about dress and grooming standards at the beginning of the school year and whenever these standards are revised.

For instances where clothing is a concern, parents/guardians may be asked to bring different, appropriate clothing items, or the child may be sent to the nurse for loaned appropriate clothing, if necessary. It is important for students to know that “school is their job” and that they should dress appropriately when in attendance.

The Administration reserves the right to alter this dress code to guarantee that an orderly classroom and academic environment exists. The provisions of this student dress code shall apply when attending a school-sponsored event. When going on a school-sponsored trip, the student dress code also remains in effect unless the sponsor of the trip has requested specific modifications from the Administration due to the nature of the outing. Parents/guardians may be contacted at home or work if a student comes to school not in compliance with the student dress code. Disciplinary action may be taken for students in violation of the provisions of this dress code policy.