

Maumee City School District Bylaws & Policies

5511 - DRESS AND GROOMING

The question of proper student dress often presents itself, especially at the upper grade levels. In an attempt to avoid as many problems as possible, it seems proper to express here a philosophy in the hope that parents, students, and administration can cooperate toward the avoidance of severe differences of opinion over dress and grooming.

Parents also have a responsibility; actually, the primary responsibility. Their example and their teaching at home have a profound effect upon the child. The students, the parents, and the school officials working together on this or on any other problem can create a school society in which a positive and cooperative atmosphere prevails.

Maumee City Schools Student Dress Policy

Student dress for school is a matter that is perhaps most appropriately decided by the students and parents. In general, the District's policy is that students are not allowed to dress in a manner that would detract from the educational process. Accordingly the District has adopted the following dress code for all students, and all students are expected to comply with the dress code.

The purposes of the dress code are as follows: to enhance school safety, support the learning environment, promote good behavior, avoid discipline problems and prepare students for the world of work. Any student who is questionably attired will be referred to the administration and parents may be contacted if necessary. Often, the student will be requested to change into clothing more suitable for school.

GENERAL GUIDELINES & RESTRICTIONS

Overall Appearance

- A. Clothing and appearance that brings undue attention, prompting disruption to the learning environment is not permitted. Clothing and appearance that is deemed inappropriate is at the discretion of the building administrator. (Examples: low-cut, plunging or revealing necklines, visible underwear, yoga pants/leggings that are revealing, etc.)
- B. Clothing or appearance that promote gang activity, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is not permitted. Also, clothing that has obscenities, profane language, sexual innuendoes, degrading wording or display symbols of hate or oppression is not permitted.
- C. Students must dress appropriately to meet safety requirements in labs, physical education courses and industrial technology courses. The instructor will discuss the requirements in class.
- D. Tops and bottoms must overlap at all times, including when arms are raised overhead and when seated.
- E. Clothing that is torn, has holes, or rips is not permitted.

Top Garments

- A. Female shirts and dresses must have a collar, or sleeves, or both. (No low-cut, plunging, or revealing necklines).
- B. Male shirts must have both a collar and sleeves. Collars may be of the rib neck variety. These

would include collars on T-shirts and crew neck sweatshirts.

Dresses, Skirts & Bottom Garments

- A. Dresses, skirts and shorts must be no more than three (3) inches above the kneecap.
- B. Pajamas or lounge pants are not permitted.

Footwear, Outerwear, Head Coverings

- A. Footwear must be worn at all times. For safety considerations, all footwear must be adequately secured to the foot with heels no higher than two (2) inches.
- B. Thong sandals (flip flops), slippers, shoes with retractable skates or other footwear with flexible, soft soles are not permitted.
- C. Head coverings of all types are prohibited indoors from the beginning until the end of the school day. (Head coverings include but are not limited to: hoods, hats, bandanas, do-rags and sweatbands). Exceptions may be made by the building principal as required by law to accommodate sincerely held religious beliefs.
- D. Outdoor apparel may not be worn in the building from the beginning to the end of the school day.

ADDITIONAL K-5 GUIDELINES & RESTRICTIONS

In addition to the aforementioned, the following guidelines and restrictions apply to all students in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade:

- A. Clothing must be appropriate for the weather conditions, as students are expected to go outside during recess. Boots must be worn for students to be permitted to be in the snow.
- B. All open-toed shoes are discouraged due to recess play.
- C. Shorts, skirts, or dresses must be no shorter than fingertip length. In addition, gym or running shorts must have strings tied securely. Short, skirt, or dress length is relaxed for students at these grade levels.
 - a. Fingertip length is measured standing up with arms at the side and shoulders must not be shrugged.

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