

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The MSAD 68 Board of Directors recognizes that responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with individual students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). The School Board will not interfere with this right unless the personal choices of students create a distractive or disruptive influence on the school program or affect the health and/or safety of others.

Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. In keeping with the goals of the school unit to provide a safe, healthy and non-discriminatory environment for educating students for maximum academic and social development, the following restrictions on dress shall be enforced.

1. Articles of clothing which promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs may not be worn on school grounds or at school functions.
2. Clothing, footwear, insignia or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited.
3. Articles of clothing with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd or indecent or include insulting or offensive words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs) are not permitted.
4. Clothing that is destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture) is not permitted.
5. Revealing clothing will not be tolerated and is not appropriate for the learning environment in MSAD 68. Students are required to cover all undergarments, cleavage, back area, and midriff.

School administrators or teachers may require special clothing for health and safety reasons for students participating in physical education, certain extracurricular activities, work with or around machines or other activities. However, no particular brand may be required.

Administrators are authorized to take appropriate measures, including sending students home, to ensure a proper teaching-learning environment.

All decisions of the administration regarding the appropriateness of student dress and appearance are final. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

The superintendent is responsible for the development of any administrative regulations necessary to implement this policy.

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