

Series	400	Students
Section	440	Students Rights and Responsibilities
Procedure	443.1P	Student Dress Code

District Policy #443.1 on Dress Code gives the intent of the Board of Education for appropriate dress and respectful appearance for Kewaskum students. The intent of the student dress code is for student appearance to be consistent with both the standards of the community and the beliefs and values of the District, as well as, promotes a comfortable learning environment for both staff and students.

Principals and supervisors are to enforce the dress standards and are granted the authority to make exceptions on special occasions, as appropriate. Special school program coordinators and athletic coaches are also permitted the latitude to specify dress requirements for their students with the consent of their administrator.

We all have pride in our schools and have an honest desire to promote good learning practices and situations that will carry over into the years beyond. We ask students to be clean, neat, and modest in their dress. Kewaskum Schools are considered a special place to be and we expect students to dress appropriately.

1. The school maintains the right to regulate dress or grooming when the student's appearance presents a danger to health or safety, creates a disruption to the school and its instructional program, or causes an excessive maintenance problem. Therefore, each Building Principal will set the standard of dress for their building in keeping with Policy 443.1 and publish this dress code to students and parents annually.
2. Dress codes should include some of the following language dependent on the grade level:

Elementary/Middle/High

Excessive Maintenance - Articles of clothing which cause excessive maintenance problems such as cleats on boots or shoes that scratch or mark floors and trousers with metal rivets that scratch furniture should not be worn.

Vulgarity/Obscenity - Any article of clothing such as shirts, hats, etc. that have vulgar, obscene, or other inappropriate pictures, words, or symbols on them are not to be worn at school. Students may not wear any article of clothing depicting alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, violence, obscene words, gestures and/or pictures. This includes, but is not limited to, beer, cigarette, drug shirts, "co-ed naked" shirts, crop tops (no exposed midriffs), etc. (including Hooters and Winston Cup shirts and other shirts with inappropriate items as part of the overall design).

Coats/Jackets/Hats/Backpacks – During the school day, students are not allowed to wear and/or carry items that might conceal weapons and/or illegal/dangerous items. This includes, but is not limited to jackets, book bags, backpacks, knapsacks, etc. Book bags, backpacks, etc. are to be kept in your locker or cubby when you get to school. During the school day, students are not allowed to wear any head coverings or other articles of clothing that create a disruption to the learning process unless prescribed by a doctor, or it is part of a religious tradition, or all-school activity. This includes but is not limited to hats, scarves, caps, bandannas, etc.

Middle/High

Insufficient Coverage- Shirts/blouses, which expose the waist, chest, or back are not appropriate in keeping with a sound-learning environment. Shirts and shoulder straps that expose the shoulders must be at least the width of “two fingers” wide so as no undergarment can be exposed. Short shorts, short skirts, and ripped clothing may also pose a violation. Shorts should have a 4” in-seam and skirts should be no more than 6” above the knee.

Health and Safety – Students should not wear clothing or hairstyles in various school activities such as industrial education, home economics, laboratory work, physical education, and art that are a threat to their safety or the welfare of others. Examples: a. Long hair might be required to be tied back for certain activities. b. The wearing of some type of shoes will be required by state health regulations. c. Sunglasses are not permitted.

Elementary

Sufficient Coverage- Students are required to dress for outside activities daily. This means they need to come with appropriate footwear and clothing.

3. Building administrators will inform parents and students annually of the enforcement process they follow if a student is not in compliance of the dress code. This will vary dependent on the age of the student. Students may be required to obtain a change of clothes if it is deemed necessary. Further disciplinary action, including suspension, may result from failure to comply with these guidelines in the secondary setting.
4. Teachers are to report violators to the building administrator the same day of the offense for the administrator’s response.
5. Buildings should do their best to keep spare t-shirts and other clothing on hand for replacement purposes.

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