

# MORRISVILLE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.
2. Authority SC 1317.3 Title 22 Sec. 12.11	The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices disrupt the educational program of the schools or constitute a health or safety hazard.
Title 22 Sec. 12.11	Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which designate the building principal to monitor student dress and grooming in his/her building.
Title 22 Sec. 12.11	The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.
4. Guidelines	<p>The following guidelines have been established in order to maintain a positive educational atmosphere in the district:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All students must wear footwear. Students must wear either shoes, loafers, sandals, sneakers or boots. Footwear such as flip-flops or shower clogs are not permitted for health and safety reasons.</li> <li>2. Students are not permitted to wear headgear while in the school building; i.e., hats, bandannas, and scarves.</li> </ol>

3. Students must wear clothing that completely covers the upper torso. Mesh shirts, open-sided shirts, bare midriffs, bare back shirts, tank tops and halters, etc. will not be permitted.
4. Students must wear underclothing.
5. Suggestively tight fitting clothing will not be permitted; i.e., spandex, cycling pants, etc.
6. Students will not be permitted to wear clothing which is imprinted with obscene or suggestive messages, advertises or promotes the use of drugs or alcohol, or is offensive by prevailing community standards.
7. Skirts, dresses and culottes must be mid-thigh length or longer. Mid-thigh shorts may be worn.
8. Trousers, shorts, skirts, and culottes must be worn and kept at the waist. Trouser cuffs are to be placed at the ankle.
9. Coats and jackets (outerwear) are not to be worn in the classroom.
10. Students will not be allowed to participate in field trips or attend special programs if their clothing does not comply with the dress code of the establishment to be visited; i.e., theaters, restaurants, etc.

Students who violate the dress code will be subject to disciplinary action. The school administration shall have the authority to remove any student from school whose dress is considered harmful and disruptive or for reasons of health and safety. The school administrators, at their sole discretion, may send violators home to obtain proper attire.

Not all situations and conditions can possibly be covered by a dress code. Therefore, the school administrators, at their sole discretion, will determine the appropriateness of any item of school dress, to assure that an educational atmosphere is maintained which fosters and promotes effective and efficient learning for all students.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.3

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.11