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Section	700: Students
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STUDENTS

UNIFORMITY OF DRESS

Purpose

The Board of Education of Freeport School District No. 145 determines that the adoption of a uniformity of dress policy can aid in achieving the following goals:

- a. promotes school safety and enhance the learning environment;
- b. encourages a stronger sense of school identity and belonging;
- c. promotes a positive self-image in all of our students;
- d. supports a feeling of school pride and solidarity;
- e. improves the learning environment;
- f. reduces classroom distractions;
- g. creates an atmosphere where students come to learn first rather than socialize; and
- h. limits preconceptions that are formed based on a student's appearance.

Implementation

The Superintendent or designee shall develop Administrative Regulations regarding "Uniformity of Dress Standards" and "Student Dress Code" including implementation timelines, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Dress Code/Uniformity of Dress Committee.

Compliance

Enforcement of this policy begins with each parent and student exercising responsibility and good judgment.

Students are expected to comply with this policy.

Each school should develop incentives and positive reinforcement measures to encourage compliance with this policy.

All students attending on the first day of school will comply with this policy. All students registering after school begins will be given one week to conform to the requirements of this policy.

1. Uniformity of Dress Standards

Enforcement of Uniformity of Dress Standards will vary by grade level: Elementary, Middle Level and High School. At the Elementary and Middle Level, students failing to comply with the Uniformity of Dress Standards will be provided with appropriate "loaned clothing" from the school's Uniform Bank. If no such "loaned clothing" is available, the student will call home to secure a change of clothes to comply with this policy. The "loaned clothing" should be returned at the end of the school day.

2. Enforcement of Uniformity of Dress

Students failing to comply with Uniformity of Dress will be required to call home to secure a change of clothes to comply with this policy.

Non-compliance with Uniformity of Dress may result in, but not be limited to the following consequences:

Step 1: Warning, child and teacher will contact parent

Step 2: Warning, non-compliance recorded, copy sent home with student and returned with parent's signature

Step 3: Parent contacted to schedule a problem-solving conference and letter mailed to the parent.

Step 4: Continued non-compliance will result in further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Board of Education

Exceptions*

1. The District will accommodate students whose parents object on religious grounds to the student's compliance with the Uniformity of Dress Standards. Such parents must submit to the Superintendent or designee a signed statement of objection regarding the grounds for the objection. Such objections will be determined on a case by case basis.
2. A student who has a medical condition which prevents compliance with this policy will be allowed to wear a uniform of alternative materials or non-uniform clothing upon presentation of proper medical documentation approved the Building Principal.
3. Students who cannot comply with this policy because of economic hardship will be provided assistance. The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria and procedures under which the Board will accommodate the needs of or otherwise provide appropriate resources to assist a student from an indigent family.

Other

1. Spirit Wear – At the discretion of the Building Administrator, School Spirit Days may be held once each month. On School Spirit Days, the students may wear school spirit clothing to school. Notices regarding School Spirit Wear Days must be provided to parents by the Principal.
2. Parents will have the opportunity to donate clean, used school uniform clothing back to the school.
3. The school shall partner collaborate with local vendors to accommodate students who cannot afford uniforms so that the uniform requirement is not an unfair barrier to school attendance and student participation.
4. At the discretion of the Building Administrator, students who participate in sports and other school sponsored extra/co-curricular activities may be allowed to wear the uniform or apparel related to that activity on a day specified by the administration. Parents will be given prior notice.

The Board of Education may modify this policy as deemed necessary.

LEGAL REF: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.25b.

CROSS REF: Student Rights and Responsibilities
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Administrative Regulation 709 Exhibit 1

Implementation

Uniformity of Dress Policy 709 will be implemented over a four-year period as follows:

2010-2011

All students in Pre-Kindergarten through Fourth Grade are required to comply with the "Uniformity of Dress Standards" set forth in Exhibit 2 of this Administrative Regulation and the Student Code of Conduct.

All students in Fifth Grade through Twelfth Grade are required to comply with the "Student Dress Code" set forth in Exhibit 3 of this Administrative Regulation and the Student Code of Conduct.

2011-2012

All students in Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade are required to comply with the "Uniformity of Dress Standards" set forth in Exhibit 2 of this Administrative Regulation and the Student Code of Conduct.

All students in Ninth Grade through Twelfth Grade are required to comply with the "Student Dress Code" set forth in Exhibit 3 of this Administrative Regulation and the Student Code of Conduct.

2012-2013

All students are required to comply with the "Uniformity of Dress Standards" set forth in Exhibit 2 of this Administrative Regulation School Uniform Uniformity of Dress and the Student Code of Conduct.

[Uniformity of Dress Policy 709 Exhibits 3.pdf \(11 KB\)](#)

[Uniformity of Dress Policy 709 Exhibits 2.pdf \(30 KB\)](#)

Uniformity of Dress Standards

All students required by Board Policy 709 to comply with the “Uniformity of Dress Standards” are expected to comply with the following requirements:

Slacks, Shorts, Capris, Skirts, Skorts, Dresses and Jumpers	Shirts	Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Layering Shirts, etc.	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be plain and solid colored in dark/navy blue, black or tan/khaki • Styles should be flat front or pleated; Cargo styles (with pockets on the side) are not acceptable. • Denim, spandex, leather, sweatpants and pajamas are not acceptable. • The appearance of the uniform must be unaltered and no more than one size larger than the student’s waist size. • Slacks must be worn at the student’s natural waist, extend to the shoe and not drag on the floor (sagging is not allowed). • Shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses and jumpers must extend to: Elem - at least the student’s mid-thigh when standing and when sitting; M.L. & H.S.: no more than 2 inches above the top of the knee when standing. • An appropriate collared shirt must be worn under a collarless jumper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirts must be collared solid colored polo or any uniform dress shirt. • No designs or pictures on shirt. EXCEPTIONS: 1) each school may approve upper left chest school logos, 2) small brand logos, not to be larger than three inches, may be worn. • Accepted colors include – Elem.: white, light blue, navy, grey, black and the following additional color options at each school/level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Blackhawk – pink o Center – yellow o Empire – green o Jones-Farrar – green o Lincoln-Douglas – red o Taylor Park – orange • M.L.: white, light blue, navy, orange, grey and black • H.S.: white, orange, black, grey, & navy blue • No more than two buttons may be left unbuttoned at the top of any shirt. • Shirts must extend below the top of pants, skirts, skorts, capris and shorts while standing and sitting and must be tucked in if hanging below pants pockets when pants are properly worn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid colored sweaters, cardigans, sweater vests, crewneck sweatshirts and polar fleece pullovers in accepted uniform shirt colors may be worn over any collared uniform shirt. • No designs, pictures or hoods on sweaters or sweatshirts. • EXCEPTIONS: 1) Each school may approve an upper left chest school logo, 2) small brand logos, not to be larger than three inches, may be worn. • All shirts and sweaters must fit well and not be oversized. • Crewneck short or long sleeved t-shirts or turtleneck in accepted uniform shirt colors may be worn under any collared uniform shirt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holes or any other alterations in any uniform clothing are not acceptable. • Dress and/or grooming of any kind that is disruptive to the orderly process of a school function, interferes with the rights of others and/or offensive is prohibited. If questionable, the principal, dean or his/her designee will decide appropriateness. • All students must be appropriately clothed with non-transparent material. Tights in black, white, navy and neutral may be worn. • Clothing must cover the student’s undergarments, abdomen, and back at all times. • School issued ID and lanyard, in grades 5-12, must be worn around neck during the school day. • Ties are acceptable when worn with any uniform style shirt. • Street shoes are required. If shoes are designed to have shoelaces, laces must be tied. “Heelys” (tennis shoes with wheels in the heel) or bedroom slippers are not permitted. • Accessories that advertise, symbolize, or refer to drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, or gangs are not to be worn or displayed during school hours and at school activities. Body art that symbolizes or refers to drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, or gangs must be covered. • Headwear, coats, scarves, sun glasses, or other outdoor apparel are not to be worn in school; exceptions may be made for religious or medical reasons. • At the elementary level: Parents are asked to ensure that their children have warm coats and proper boots, scarves, hats, and mittens to wear outside as may be required by the weather. Recess is spent on the playground each day that weather permits, and it is necessary that all students have appropriate footwear and are dressed and prepared to play outside. In the event of an accident such as wet clothes, buildings may call the parents or may allow the student to use extra clothing the office may have on hand. If the child is sent home in school clothing, parents are asked to wash and return all articles.

Student Dress Code Exceptions*

All students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Freeport School District No. 145 strives to maintain a non-disruptive atmosphere on school grounds. The following are guidelines, but are not all-inclusive:

- a. The Board of Education believes that proper grooming and cleanliness add to the well being and self-respect of students. The Board of Education takes pride in the appearance of its student body.
- b. Dress, grooming, accessories or body art that is disruptive to the orderly process of a school function, interferes with the rights of others and/or is offensive is prohibited. If questionable, the principal, dean or his/her designee will decide appropriateness
- c. All students must be appropriately clothed with non-transparent material.
- d. Clothing must cover the student's undergarments, abdomen and back at all times.
- e. Leggings may be worn under pants, skirts or skorts, but only if all other dress code requirements are met.
- f. Pants must be worn at the student's natural waist. "Sagging" is not allowed. Pants with holes are only allowed if holes are below mid-thigh.
- g. Inappropriate dress may include, but is not limited to: pajamas, short shorts, and exposed underwear.
- h. Skirts, shorts, skorts, and dresses must extend to at least the student's mid-thigh when sitting and when standing.
- i. Shirts, tops, and blouses must be an inch wide or greater from neckline to shoulder and must extend below the top of pants, skirts, skorts, capris and shorts while standing and while sitting.
- j. Street shoes are required. If shoes are designed to have shoe laces, laces must be tied. "Heelys" (tennis shoes with wheels in the heel) or bedroom slippers are not permitted.
- k. School issued ID and lanyard, in grades 5-12, must be worn around neck during school day.
- l. Clothing or accessories that advertise, symbolize or refer to drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, or gangs, are not to be worn or displayed during school hours. Body art that symbolize or refers to drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, or gangs, must be covered.
- m. Headwear, coats, scarves, sunglasses and other outdoor apparel are not to be worn in school; exceptions may be made for religious or medical reasons only.
- n. At the elementary level: Parents are asked to make sure their children have warm coats and proper boots, scarves, hats, and mittens to wear outside during the winter as may be required by the weather. Recess is spent on the playground each day that weather permits, and it is necessary that all students have appropriate footwear and are dressed and prepared to play outside. In the event of an accident such as wet clothes, buildings may call the parents or may allow the student to use some extra clothing the office may have on hand. If your child is sent home in school clothing, parents are asked to wash and return all articles.

**See Policy 709 Sec.2- Exceptions*