

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

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# NEW CASTLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority                  Title 22                  Sec. 12.11                  Pol. 220</p> <p>3. Delegation of                  Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22                  Sec. 12.11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>221. DRESS AND GROOMING</b></p> <p>The Board of Directors of the New Castle Area School District has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in the school, and the Board has established and implemented an apparel policy which sets forth the students' dress throughout the District.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the aforementioned dress apparel policy, 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.</p> <p>The building principal or designee shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming and enforce school rules governing student dress and grooming in accordance with the District's apparel policy.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy be in accord with the District apparel policy and be imposed to all students <b>Grade 3 through Grade 12.</b></p> <p>All clothing must fit properly and be neat and clean.</p> <p>Attire that is not in compliance with this dress code policy is not permitted. In addition to the clothing items prohibited under this policy; Principals, Deans, and District Administration have the discretion to address any <b>attire</b>/body art that is offensive, degrading, vulgar, or contrary to the educational mission of the school that disrupts the learning environment or infringes upon the rights of others.</p> <p>Any clothing that is too tight, revealing/see-through, or saggy/baggy, including but not limited to low necklines, midriff tops, and form-fitting tops or bottoms is not permitted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Pre K-Grade 2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No color or logo restrictions</b></li> </ul>
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4. Guidelines –  
Apparel  
Specifications

- **Blue jeans are not permitted**
- **Rips or tears in pants are prohibited**
- **Clothing must fit properly and be neat and clean**
- **Shoes same as Grade 3 through Grade 12**

**Grade 3-Grade 12**

**Bottoms**

Permitted

- Must be black, gray, khaki, **red or white** in color.
- Shorts/skirts must fit properly and be worn no more than three (3) inches above the top of the knee
- Must be worn at waist and not “sag” below the waist
- Athletic pants or shorts, either solid in color or stripe that coincides with school colors
- Cargo shorts/pants
- **Combination in approved colors**
- **Logos permitted in any size, must be in approved colors**

Prohibited

- Form fitted/stretch material bottoms of any kind to include but not limited to yoga pants, jeggings, tights, leggings. **Leggings are not to be worn as pants – must be part of an approved length dress, skirt, and/or shirt dress.**
- Blue jeans of any type
- Pants or shorts with fashionable rips, tears, and/or slices on or in any clothing
- Cutoffs of any length
- Size must coincide with students’ height/weight
- **Writing is prohibited across the back/seat of the pants**

**Tops**

Permitted

- Must be red, black, white, and/or gray **in color**
- **Combination of approved colors**

- Logos permitted in any size/ must be in approved colors
- Shirts must be modest and not revealing in nature
- **“Hoodies” may be worn throughout the course of the school day. Hoodies must be in approved colors or approved color combinations. Logos are permitted in approved colors and any size. Hoods are to remain down and off students’ head at all times. Full zipper hoodies are allowed in dress code approved colors**

Prohibited

- Outerwear/outdoor clothing
- Tops which expose the shoulder or midriff
- Sleeveless or spaghetti straps
- Sheer, lacy, or see-through fabric
- Tying shirts (front, back, or sides)
- Colors in layering other than red, black, white, or grey

Spirit Wear

Spirit shirts (which include athletic teams, extracurricular activities, booster organizations, etc.) must be of school colors **and/or combination of school colors** and approved by the Administration and can be worn on any day.

Shoes

Permitted

- Student choice

Prohibited

- Flip-flops
- Slippers or slipper look-alikes
- Shower shoes

Accessories

Permitted

- Students' choice, however, at discretion of building principal in terms of safety, appropriateness, and not interrupting the learning process.

Prohibited

- Gloves of any type
- Head coverings of any type
- Anything considered unsafe for student, other students, or staff

### **Hosiery**

#### **Permitted**

- Leggings, tights, leotards, or nylons must be black, gray, khaki, **red and/or white** and worn underneath approved bottoms.
- Socks of any color

#### **Prohibited**

- Fish net stockings
- Torn stockings

### **Outerwear**

Jackets/vests that are worn for outside wear are not permitted to be worn during the school day.

### **Non-Compliance**

First Offense – Students will be sent home to change, **clothing may be brought from home or** will be required to wear apparel provided by the School if available. Refusal or inability to change will result in students spending balance of day serving In-School Suspension.

Second and Third Offense – All day ISS. No option to change.

Each subsequent offense will result in a one (1) to three (3) day out-of-school suspension per occurrence.

### **Conclusion**

School apparel must be a flexible response to an ever-changing educational landscape. Therefore, the Board, Administration, and Apparel Policy Committee shall meet periodically to examine this policy and the style in order to meet the changing dynamics that constantly occur in the District.