

**Baldwin-Whitehall School District**

Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
Title	Dress and Grooming
Code	221
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**Purpose**

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.

**Authority**

The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school.[1]

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.[2]

When student dress may constitute student expression, Policy 220 Student Expression shall apply.[3]

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.[2]

**Delegation of Responsibility**

The building principal or designee shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming and enforce school rules governing student dress and grooming.

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.[2]

Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate by example positive attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.[4][5][6]

**Guidelines**

Students should be encouraged to take pride in their appearance. In an age of changing styles and freedom of dress, students should select clothing which is complimentary to them. When students come to school inappropriately dressed, the staff and administration will take necessary steps to correct the situation.

Shirts or other clothing promoting obscene, profane and other content likely to disrupt the educational process, and messages promoting drugs or alcohol are not permitted.

Baggy pants or clothing that can conceal items and/or pose a safety hazard are not permitted. Pants, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be secured and worn no lower than the waist.

Spandex or other tight-fitting apparel, bare chests or midriffs, or half-shirts and other provocative apparel are not permitted. Tops must be long enough to tuck into pants, skirts, skorts, and shorts. Undergarments are not to be exposed.

Extremely short skirts, skorts, and shorts are not permitted.

The wearing of hats, hoods, or other headwear in a school building is not permitted. An exception to the wearing of headwear may be granted to an individual student by the administration for medical or religious reasons.

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1. 24 P.S. 1317.3
  2. 22 PA Code 12.11
  3. Pol. 220
  4. Pol. 325