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### STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

Brick School District believes that all students should wear clothing that fits well, reflects pride in oneself, is conducive to the learning process and demonstrates respect for the school and others. The Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices regarding dress & grooming affect the educational program of the schools.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent and designees to enforce school regulations prohibiting student dress and grooming practices which:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student to him/herself or to others in the school. Materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
- Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
- Prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Pupils may be required to follow specific guidelines separate from this Dress Code in the areas of physical education, science, art, and technology classes.

State Statute mandates that the following articles are considered dangerous and unlawful and would cause damage to other students or property if used inappropriately and are, therefore, not permitted: chains, spikes, cleats, pins or certain types of rings or other paraphernalia.

Fashion trends change with the season. Our dress code is intended to be a general guide for appropriate dress at school and may not include specifics regarding changes in trends. Please be aware that the dress code may be modified at any time during the year to more clearly defined appropriate dress for school as it applies to current fashion, keeping in mind the principles stated above.

Legal

[N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1: General mandatory powers and duties](#)

[N.J.S.A. 18A 11-7: Findings, declarations relative to school dress codes](#)

[N.J.S.A. 18A:11-8: Adoption of dress code policy for schools permitted](#)

[N.J.S.A. 18A:11-9: Prohibition of gang-related apparel.](#)

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