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7:160 Student Appearance

A student's appearance, including dress and ~~hygiene~~grooming, must not disrupt the educational process ~~interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate~~ or compromise ~~reasonable~~ standards of health ~~and safety~~ ~~and decency~~. ~~The District does not prohibit hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists.~~ **PRESSPlus 1 Q1** ~~Students who disrupt the educational process or compromise standards of health and safety must modify their appearance.~~ Procedures for guiding student appearance, ~~handling students who dress or groom inappropriately~~ will be developed by the Superintendent ~~or designee~~ and included in the *Student Handbook(s)*.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS ~~5/2-3.25~~ and 5/10-22.25b.

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School Dist., 89 S.Ct. 733 **393 U.S. 503** (1969).

CROSS REF.: **7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)**, 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

~~ADOPTED: November 8, 2017~~

Questions and Answers:

***Required Question 1. If the board would like to expand upon the law's requirement of race, ethnicity, or hair texture, IASB will amend this sentence as follows: "The District does not prohibit hairstyles or hair textures historically associated with historically associated with race, ethnicity, ~~or~~ hair texture, ~~or any other protected classes under Board policy 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities~~, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists."

Would the board would like to expand upon the law's requirement of race, ethnicity, or hair texture?

- No (default)
- Yes.

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Required by 105 ILCS 5/10-22.25b, amended by P.A. 102-360, eff. 1-1-22, for recognition under 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25 (*Jett Hawkins Law*). For districts to receive recognition from the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE), they must provide assurances of compliance with the *Jett Hawkins Law*. This policy's second sentence does that. ISBE will have resource materials on its website by 7-1-22. State or federal law also controls this policy's content. **Issue 108, November 2021**