

**#5090.3.1  
Student Dress**

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In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process, the Madison Board of Education (the “Board”) prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day, deemed disruptive to the educational environment:

- a. Coats, jackets or other attire normally worn as outerwear.
- b. Head coverings. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practice or belief, or as required or permitted in conjunction with school district health and safety protocols, shall not be prohibited under this policy. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit protective hairstyles. “Protective hairstyles” includes, but is not limited to, wigs, headwraps and hairstyles such as individual braids, cornrows, locs, twists, Bantu knots, afros and afro puffs.
- c. Sunglasses unless required pursuant to a documented medical issue.
- d. Attire or accessories that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.
- e. Attire or accessories that contain vulgarity or that contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures.
- f. Attire or accessories depicting or suggesting violence so as to disrupt the educational environment or that provokes others to act violently or causes others to be intimidated by fear of violence or that constitute "fighting words," including but not limited to attire or accessories depicting the Confederate flag and/or the Nazi swastika.
- g. Attire or accessories that depict logo or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages.

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- h. Shirts and/or blouses that reveal the abdomen or chest, see-through clothing, shorts, miniskirts, or pants that reveal undergarments.

Backpacks and/or book bags are permitted to be carried between classes, but shall not obstruct safe passage in the classroom or in the corridors.

Students who fail to comply with Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be subject to school discipline up to and including expulsion in accordance with the Board's policy on student discipline.

Legal Reference:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-51 (definition of protective hairstyles)

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