

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Bloomfield, Connecticut

BOARD POLICY

No. 5132(a)

**RE: Student Dress
Students**

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The Bloomfield Board of Education believes that reasonable regulation of student attire in the schools furthers important educational interests. -It is in the spirit of proper communication that students wear clothing that communicates the high expectations that we have for all Bloomfield Public Schools students. Accordingly, the Board has established a dress code for all students enrolled in the Bloomfield Public Schools.

Acceptable Dress for Students includes ~~clean~~ neat and properly fitted:

- a. Bottoms, including pants, skirts, shorts, and skorts
- b. Tops with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms
- c. Shoes, boots, sneakers, sandals, etc.

The following attire is prohibited:

- a. Bare feet
- b. Slippers or open toed shoes
- c. Clothing with images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity)
- d. Clothing that reveals undergarments (including midriffs)
- e. Clothing with hate speech, violence, profanity, ~~or~~ weapons or pornography
- f. Clothing with images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class.
- g. Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- h. Sunglasses inside the school building (except for medical reasons).
- i. Headphones/earbuds during class time (unless indicated in student plan as allowed)
- j. Pajamas
- k. Any hat, scarf or head covering, including those that obscure the face (except as a religious observance or for medical reasons, such as a medical face mask).
- l. Pants hanging below the waistline, exposing buttocks/underwear or shorts worn under pants "No sagging"
- m. Skirts one-inch above the knee

During the school day outerwear, such as coats, scarves, hats and winter jackets, must be placed in a locker.

GRADES K-8

Uniforms are mandatory for all students enrolled in the Bloomfield Public Schools in kindergarten up to and including grade 8. The designated uniform shall be as follows:

- a. —Tops: Short or long-sleeved collared (polo) shirts in either white or the designated color for the individual school the student attends. Shirts must be tucked into skirts or pants.

~~Shirts with each school's logo may be purchased through the school, but shall not be required.~~

~~b. — Bottoms:~~

~~i) — For boys and girls: casual or dress pants sized to fit the student, of twill or corduroy, in solid khaki, navy or black only. All other types of pants, including but not limited to jeans, overalls, sweatpants, velour or other athletic pants, and tight fitting or sagging pants, are not permitted. From May through the end of October, students may wear shorts sized to fit the student, of twill or corduroy, in solid khaki, navy or black only.~~

~~ii) — For girls: skirts or jumpers that are not more than 3" above the middle of the knee (front and back), sized to fit the student, of twill or corduroy, in solid khaki, navy or black only, may be worn. Tight fitting skirts and/or jumpers are not permitted.~~

~~c. — Footwear: Dress shoes, sneakers or low cut boots only. Open toed shoes are not permitted.~~

~~d. — Sweaters: Khaki, navy, black or school colors. No sweatshirts.~~

~~e. — Exceptions for Physical Education classes and recess will be addressed in the student handbook by each school.~~

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- ~~Pants—Pants must be appropriately fitted at the waist and belted. Tan, navy blue or black pants are acceptable. Absolutely NO baggies, cargo pants, jeans or sweat-suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages will be allowed on pants or shorts.~~
- ~~Shorts—Shorts must be appropriately fitted at the waist and belted. Tan, navy blue or black shorts are acceptable. Shorts can be no more than 3 inches above the middle of the knee (front and back).~~
- ~~Shirt—Shirts may be button-down Oxford-style shirt or Polo shirt. Shirts can be short or long sleeve. White or light blue are acceptable colors. Shirts must be tucked into the pants. Shirts with the Bloomfield High School logo may be purchased through the school store but shall not be required.~~
- ~~Skorts—For girls: Only skorts purchased through designated uniform company will be accepted. Acceptable colors are tan, navy blue and black. Skorts can be no more than 3 inches above the middle of the knee (front and back).~~

Optional Accessories:

- ~~Sweaters/Vests—Acceptable solid colors (no overt design or artwork) are black, navy blue, light blue, white, grey or tan. No patterns including argyles. Sweaters/vests can include cardigans, v-neck sweaters, pullovers or zippered varieties. No fleece garments or sweatshirts allowed.~~
- ~~Undershirts—Considered garments worn under the uniform shirts. These can be long or short sleeved. These shirts can be crewneck, v-necked, collared or turtleneck. Acceptable solid colors (no overt design or artwork) are black, navy blue, light blue, white, grey or tan.~~
- ~~No sweatshirts or hoodies will be permissible.~~

GRADES K-12

In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process, the Board of Education prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day at all schools:

- a. ~~Coats, jackets or other attire normally worn as outerwear. Outerwear includes: coats, jackets, windbreakers, nylon pullovers, down vests, and other clothing the administration deems inappropriate. Clothing or outer wear shall not be worn, carried or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.~~

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- ~~b. Head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to scarves, bandanas, masks, headbands, visors, kerchiefs, athletic sweatbands, hats, caps or hoods. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practice or belief shall not be prohibited under this policy. Head coverings shall not be worn, carried, hung on belts or around the neck or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.~~
- ~~c. Items a. and b. above, must be secured in the student's locker before school starts. Items not stored will be confiscated by Principal.~~
- ~~d. Footwear which mars floors or is a safety hazard.~~
- ~~e. Sunglasses, whether worn or carried.~~
- ~~f. "Name" or other oversized metal belt buckles and all metal belts or combination of metal and leather belts.~~
- ~~g. Spiked or studded bracelets, chains, chain wallets, oversized or multi-finger rings, belts or any other article of attire with spikes or studs attached, or any other clothing item that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.~~
- ~~h. Attire or accessories which contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures likely to unduly disrupt the educational environment, or which constitute "fighting words."~~
- ~~i. Attire or accessories which depict logo or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages.~~
- ~~j. Shirts and/or blouses which reveal the abdomen, chest, or undergarments.~~
- ~~k. See-through clothing, tank tops or sleeveless shirts.~~
- ~~l. Shorts, miniskirts, or pants which reveal the upper thigh or undergarments. Spandex garments are allowed only if they are covered by shorts or skirts.~~
- ~~m. Pants that do not remain at the hips or above at all times.~~
- ~~n. Pants and shirts that are not properly sized.~~
- ~~o. 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.~~
- ~~p. Pajama pants/nightwear.~~

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Compliance

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