

Minooka Community High School Handbook Revisions

2025-2026

Proposed Procedure/Language

Dress Code - Pg. 37-38

Proposed New Language & Changes

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to present an appearance that is appropriate for the educational environment, does not disrupt the educational process, and does not interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate. Dress which is not in accord with reasonable standards of health, safety, modesty, and decency will be considered inappropriate.

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s). The school district is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health, safety, or education of any student.

Dress Code:

1. Students **MUST** wear (*while following the basic principles outlined above*):
 - a. A shirt (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms),
AND
 - b. Pants/jeans or the equivalent (for example, shorts, skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress),
AND
 - c. Shoes.
2. Students **CANNOT** wear:
 - a. Violent language or images.
 - b. Images or language depicting/suggesting drugs, alcohol, vaping, or paraphernalia (or any illegal item or activity).
 - c. Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
 - d. Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment.
 - e. Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice).
 - f. Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.

- g. Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance or as personal protective equipment (PPE)).
- h. Hats, caps, hoods, sunglasses (except as pre-approved for medical, religious, or cultural reasons, athletic events, spirit days, etc.)

Regulation of School Dress

1. Student dress shall only be regulated when, in the judgment of school administrators or Deans, there is a reasonable expectation that a substantial disruption of the educational environment or process will result from a student's dress or appearance.
2. This policy shall apply to the instructional day and all district and/or school sponsored events and activities
3. Staff will use reasonable efforts to not address or discuss with a student a dress code violation in the presence of other students.
4. Any student whose attire does not meet the expectations and requirements of Board Policy may be asked to remedy the matter by covering, changing, or removing the non-complying clothing, jewelry, or personal item where appropriate.

First Offense – Based on a Dean investigation, covering, changing or removing the non-complying clothing, jewelry, or personal item. Parent/Guardian communication and a warning will be issued.

Second Offense - Based on a Dean investigation, covering, changing or removing the non-complying clothing, jewelry, or personal item. Parent/Guardian communication and a detention may be issued.

Third and Subsequent Offenses' - Based on a Dean investigation, covering, changing or removing the non-complying clothing, jewelry, or personal item. A Saturday detention to Out-of-Building suspension may be issued. Parent/Guardian conference.

Current Language - Remove

DRESS CODE

~~When a student is not properly dressed or is wearing prohibited clothing or accessories (including hats) the student will be sent to the Dean's office. If the student refuses to report to the Dean's office, a referral will be written for insubordination. The Deans have the authority to require the student to change attire.~~

~~The primary responsibility for student dress rests with the parents and students as long as it does not pose a threat or disrupt the educational process. Students must be clothed from shoulder to mid-thigh. The school makes final judgment on acceptability and school appropriateness.~~

~~At any time, while in the school building, on school grounds, at a school sponsored event, on or off campus, the following dress code policies will be in effect.~~

~~a. A student's dress and grooming must not disrupt the educational process or interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety, modesty and decency as determined by the Dean or Building Principal.~~

~~b. Male and female students must wear clothing that completely covers the body from the shoulders to mid-thigh, whether standing or sitting. (Mid-thigh is defined as: The end of the fingers when a student is standing in an upright position with arms hanging along the side of the body when the fingertips are touching the thigh.) The only exception is a sleeveless, tailored shirt or blouse.~~

~~c. Clothing or hats that advertise or depict weapons, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or have suggestive or obscene materials written or displayed may not be worn. Vulgar, obscene or violent messages on clothing or hats will be treated as vulgar/obscene language or expression.~~

~~d. P.E. uniforms are only to be worn in P.E. class.~~

~~e. Hats — and the hood on sweatshirts, and other headwear, including but not limited to, hair nets, bandanas, do-rags, nylons, skullcaps, headbands etc. are not to be worn in the building or in the classroom at any time. Students and visitors should remove these items from their head before entering the building and wait until they are outside before wearing them. Hats can be worn outside only if they are worn straightforward.~~

~~f. — Coats and Outerwear- trench coats, jackets, gloves, sunglasses cannot be worn in the building, unless the student is directly entering or leaving the building. Carrying these items in the building is allowed for GAVC students.~~

~~g. Students, who have courses that require safety equipment or special dress codes, must adhere to wearing the proper equipment and/or clothing.~~

~~h. Blouses, shirts, and pants must not be worn in a revealing manner.~~

~~i. — Short shorts are not to be worn. Clothing that has holes/slits that are above the knee or revealing, as determined by the Dean or Building Principal is not allowed.~~

~~j. — Any equipment used to carry books (including backpacks, and book bags) cannot be carried from class to class. Book bags and such must be stored in student lockers.~~

~~k. Wearing, using or displaying, any clothing, hats, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other thing that is indicative or symbolic of drug use or membership or affiliation in any gang, cult or secret society, including but not limited to wearing a handkerchief, shoelaces or bandana around the neck or hanging out of one or more pants pockets, as determined by the Dean or Building Principal is not allowed.~~

~~l. Chains, drug, gang, and/or cult related jewelry, key chains and any excessive spikes, piercing or excessive beads are not to be worn.~~

~~m. Baggy pants are prohibited. Undergarments should not be visible. Elastic bands used to hold up one or both pant leg(s) is prohibited.~~

~~n. Proper footwear with soles should be worn at all times.~~

Electronic Devices & Cell Phones - Pg. 39-40

Proposed New Language and Changes

ELECTRONIC DEVICES & CELL PHONES

Board Policy 7:190 - #5

Using or possessing any electronic device on school grounds will be done under the following stipulations:

- A. No cell phones or headphones in the classroom unless specifically directed by the teacher for educational purposes.
- B. Phones and headphones can be used during passing periods, at lunch time, and during a student's academic Resource.
- C. Students will not be able to make or receive phone calls during the school day.
- D. Electronic devices may not be used in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others. The use of any electronic device to engage in any of the following is strictly prohibited and subjects the student(s) involved to appropriate school consequences.
 - Failure to comply with school personnel directives with regard to use in instructional areas.
 - Cheating/Academic dishonesty
 - Planning inappropriate behavior that would affect the orderly proceeding of the school day.
 - Sending, receiving, or possessing sexually explicit or otherwise inappropriate pictures, images, videos, or statements commonly known as "sexting".

- Invading the privacy of others
- Taking and/or transmitting pictures, video or audio recordings of another without that person's consent.
- Bullying or harassment of others
- Identity theft
- Interfering in a school investigation.
- Use deemed inappropriate by the Administration and/or Deans.

E. Digital/Video Cameras – Digital or Video cameras may be used in school only with written permission from a staff member during school hours.

F. Any item that is confiscated by a staff member **may** be placed in a school issued white envelope, initiated by the student and brought to the Deans' Office to be kept secure.

G. No privately-owned laptop or desktop computers may be brought to school at any time.

H. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices or cell phones.

First offense – Verbal reprimand. Confiscation of cell phone and/or electronic device. It will be turned into the Deans' office for the student to pick up after school. Additional discipline may be issued based on a Deans' investigation.

Second offense – One, two (2) hour detention. Confiscation of cell phone and/or electronic device. It will be turned into the Deans' office for the student to pick up after school. Additional discipline may be issued based on a Deans' investigation.

Third & Subsequent offenses – One, four (4) hour Saturday detention. Confiscation of cell phone and/or electronic device. It will be turned into the Deans' Office for the parent/guardian to pick up after school. Additional discipline may be issued based on a Deans investigation.

Yellow - New/Updated Language

Green - Current Language