

Upper Darby School District



Dress Code Policy

221. DRESS CODE

- 1. Authority** SC 1317.3
Title 22
Sec. 12.11
- The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices disrupt the educational program of the schools or constitute a health or safety hazard.
- SC 1317.3
Title 22
Sec. 12.11
- The Board shall require students to wear standard dress, which may be required district-wide or by individual schools.
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Sec. 12.11
- Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.
- 2. Delegation of Responsibility**
- The building principal or designee shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming, and to enforce Board policy and school rules governing student dress and grooming.
- Title 22
Sec. 12.11
- The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.
- Pol. 325
- Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate, by example, positive attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.
- 3. Guidelines**
- All students shall be subject to this dress code. Students must report to school on a daily basis attired in compliance with the provisions of this policy.

Attire:

Acceptable dress must be appropriately sized and must conform to the following requirements:

We strongly encourage students to exhibit their school pride by wearing school colors and apparel.

Students are not permitted to wear apparel that belittles another, suggests sexual activity, or refers to violence, weapons, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, discrimination, gangs, or any illegal activity. Objectionable language or graphics are also not permitted on apparel or belongings.

All shirts and dresses must have sleeves and cover the entire torso, and shoulders. Tank tops, midriffs, tube tops, low cut shirts, strapless, spaghetti straps, see through shirts, halters, or bare back shirts are not permitted.

Dresses, skirts, and shorts must reach mid-thigh. We use the “fingertip” rule, which means when standing straight, fingertips are in line with the hem. Pants must be worn above the hip bone. No undergarments are to be seen at any time. Tights worn as pants are not permitted.

See through clothing, undergarments worn as outer garments, and sleep-wear are not permitted.

Clothing that are torn or ripped are not permitted.

Students are not permitted to wear any spiked collars, spiked bracelets, or wallet chains.

Shoes must cover the entire foot and have soles. Steel toe boots are not permitted.

Hats, hoods, bandannas, and sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.

Administration will make final decisions about the appropriateness and acceptability of specific items of clothing.

Violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary consequences.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.3

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.11

Note: Effective July 1, 2016