

Bigfork School District #38

STUDENTS

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Student Dress

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board or its agents will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding student dress and appearance except in cases that disrupt the educational environment of the schools, or pose a health and safety threat to others.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop and enforce procedures for the monitoring of student dress and grooming in school or while engaging in extracurricular activities. Procedures shall be specifically outlined in each school's student handbook and, at a minimum, shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices that:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student, other students, staff, or visitors to the school.
- Create a disruption of the educational environment of the school.
- Represent gang membership or reference to gang related activities.
- Express obscene language or symbols, or symbols of sex, drugs, or alcohol.
- Express any message deemed inappropriate for a school environment.

Building administrators shall use reasonable judgment in determining the appropriateness of student dress and grooming and shall take disciplinary action according to board policy and the student handbook.

Policy History:

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