



## **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The Regional School Unit-24 (RSU) Board (RSUB) recognizes that the responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests primarily with individual students and their parent.

The RSUB has no intention, nor desire, to interfere with this responsibility unless the personal choices of students and/or their parents is allowed to create a disruptive influence on RSU schools, cause a distraction to the learning environment, or has the possibility of affecting the health and safety of themselves and/or other students.

**Note:** Any reference to “parent” in this Policy refers to the parent, parents or legal guardian of a student not emancipated.

The RSUB expects, and will require, that clothing worn when attending any RSU school meet a reasonable standard of cleanliness. Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. The RSUB also requests the assistance of all students and parents in achieving this expectation.

In keeping with the RSUB’s goal of the RSU providing a safe, healthy, respectable and non-discriminatory environment, the following restrictions on dress will be enforced in/on all RSU school buildings, grounds and vehicles furnishing students transportation. These restrictions apply at all times unless relaxed for special functions by the Building Administrator (BA).

### **Prohibited items of clothing:**

- A. Articles of clothing which promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal activity,
- B. Articles of clothing with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd, indecent, or including insulting words or gestures,
- C. Articles of clothing with displays that are racially inflammatory or violate the RSU’s discrimination and/or harassment policies,
- D. Clothing that is destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture, etc.),
- E. Clothing, footwear, insignia, or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang,

- F. Adornment items such as chains, spikes, “dog” collars, and other items as determined by the BA.
- G. One-shoulder strap shirts, low-cut tops, spaghetti straps, halters, midriff tops, and muscle shirts.

**Wearing of clothing:**

- A. Clothing will not be worn in such a manner as to reveal underwear or bare skin between the upper chest and mid thigh.
- B. Tattoos that violate the provisions of this Policy must be covered at all times in all RSU schools and/or at any RSU sponsored event/activity.
- C. Students must wear shoes (sneakers, sandals, etc.) at all times.
- D. Students are not allowed to wear hats, caps, etc. and/or sunglasses inside any RSU school building or classroom.

**Note #1:** This Policy lists the minimum requirements for student dress within the RSU. Each BA is granted the authority to add requirements to this Policy that they feel is desired/required at their school.

**Note #2:** RSU BA’s may require special clothing for health and safety reasons for students participating in physical education, certain co-curricular activities, on the job training, and/or specific academic activities (shop, HCTC, chemistry, etc).

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