

DRESS GUIDELINES FOR MANHEIM TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Students must dress appropriately so as not to distract from the learning atmosphere of the classroom. Students are permitted to wear: shorts, skirts, skorts and dresses at mid-thigh length or longer. Students who dress inappropriately, as outlined below will change clothing (provided by school or parent) before returning to class. Any clothing that disrupts or creates a reasonable apprehension of disruption of the educational environment, including but not limited to the items mentioned below will be deemed unacceptable.

Students are NOT permitted to wear:

Clothing, jewelry or any other attire that disrupts or creates a reasonable apprehension of disruption of the educational environment; present a health or safety concern; contain lewd, profane or obscene language or messages; advertise or advocate the use of alcoholic beverages, drugs or other illegal behavior or behavior that violates Board policy; include messages that advocate violence and mayhem or messages that have as their sole purpose the harassment and/or intimidation of others in the school community.

Revealing attire:

- Halter or tube tops & shirts too short to tuck into pants
- Tops with spaghetti straps or off the shoulder
- See-through blouses or low-cut tops
- Low-cut pants that expose midriff, belly or back (whether sitting, moving or raising arms)
- Muscle shirts
- Any clothing that reveals undergarments
- Shorts that are above mid-thigh

Inappropriate attire:

- Hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands (with the exception of hairbands worn off the forehead to pull hair back away from face) and other head coverings not worn for religious purposes
- Sunglasses or other accessories that impede learning
- Dresses, skirts or pants so long as to drag on floor
- Shoes that limit any activity

All elementary schools are air-conditioned. Students are encouraged to wear "layers" so that they can adjust their clothing for different indoor and outdoor temperatures. Students are not excused from school activities, such as recess, because of their clothing choices. Students should wear clothing that allows them to move and play safely (i.e. – sneakers, shorts, t-shirts) when physical education is scheduled. Students should come to school clean and neatly dressed to they are ready to learn.

