

## **STUDENT CODE OF DRESS K - 12**

**THE PURPOSE OF THE DRESS CODE  
IS TO PRESERVE THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
IN ORDER TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY  
FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING TO SUCCESSFULLY OCCUR  
FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF**

Granite City Community Unit School District #9 recognizes that dress and appearance are a matter of personal taste. Clothing must be worn and fit appropriately. At no time should bellies, bottoms, backs, bras, bandannas, boxers or bedroom attire (pajamas) be visible. Any attire which is unsafe, inappropriate, revealing, obscene, or which disrupts the educational process will not be permitted.

Guidelines for Student Attire:

1. Tops must touch the bottom attire all the way around when a student is sitting, standing, or walking.
2. Shirts must have sleeves. Tank tops/camisoles are not permitted as tops.
3. All undergarments must be covered by outer attire.
4. Bottom attire (skirts/shorts) must extend to the mid-thigh.
5. No holes are allowed in clothing above the mid-thigh.
6. Leggings must not be sheer and worn with a top garment that covers the hips
7. Pants must be worn at waist level.
8. Shoes must be worn, no slippers.

Unacceptable attire includes, but is not limited

to:

1. Facial and other piercings which are a safety concern.
2. Clothing with ads, representations, or slogans about unlawful products, alcohol, weapons, tobacco, or with obscene language or images is not allowed.
3. Dress indicating affiliation with any group that advocates dangerous or unlawful activity.
4. Sagging pants
5. Chains/straps, collars with sharp or pointed protrusions
6. Slippers
7. Hats, hoods, visors, and bandanas
8. Costumes

Teachers and administrators will screen students for dress that may disrupt the learning environment. Students in violation of the dress code will need to correct the offense or will be sent to the ISS room until a change can be made. Repeated violations by a student may result in additional disciplinary action. This policy is subject to change given fads and fashion trends;

the Superintendent and/or building administrators will make the final determination if a student is sent to the office for an offense.

### Religious Exemptions

The parent or legal guardian of a student (or a student who is 18 years of age or older) may object to the student's compliance with any portion of this STUDENT CODE OF DRESS K-12 Policy based upon a sincerely held religious belief. In order to object, the parent or legal guardian (or student who is 18 years of age or older) shall submit a written statement which responds to the following questions:

What is the basis for the request for religious exemption?

What religious teaching, religious belief or religious practice prohibits compliance with this student dress code policy?

In addition, all written objections must be accompanied by a signed statement of either a religious official, (such as minister, rabbi, imam, or other) or another person who can verify the nature and good faith basis of the sincerely held religious belief. The Superintendent or the building administrator shall review all objections to the STUDENT CODE OF DRESS K-12 Policy. Students with legitimate religious objections shall not be required to comply with those portions of the STUDENT CODE OF DRESS K-12 Policy which conflict with such good faith, religious requirements. If the application for religious exemption is denied, the student applying for the exemption may appeal the determination to the Board of Education who will review the application and make a determination within 30 days of the appeal.

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