

**MOUNT DESERT ISLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT DRESS**

The School Committee expects students to use sound judgment and display respect for themselves and others in their dress and grooming. In keeping with the goals of the schools to provide a safe, healthy and non-discriminatory educational environment where students can achieve academic and social growth, the following are specifically prohibited at school and school functions:

- A. Clothing or accessories that promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any illegal activity;
- B. Clothing that contains messages or graphics that are obscene, vulgar or sexual or violate the Committee's discrimination and harassment policies, no t-shirts with innuendos (i.e. big Johnson, biggest bowl, co-ed naked, etc.)
- C. Clothing that is revealing
- D. Visible undergarments;
- E. Clothing, footwear, insignia or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang (a group associated with violent or illegal activity):
- F. Clothing or accessories that pose a safety hazard to the student or others, or which may damage school property.
- G. Clothing or accessories that administrators determine are inconsistent with the fundamental values of public school education.

Special clothing may be required for health and safety reasons for students participating in physical education classes, classes involving machinery or other hazards and co-curricular activities.

The wearing of sunglasses in school is prohibited unless prescribed by a physician.

Individual teachers may prohibit the wearing of hats within their specific classrooms.

School administrators will give due consideration to whether messages displayed by students are protected by the first amendment. School administrators will make the final judgment on the appropriateness of any student's dress. Students who violate the dress code will be sent to the school office to change or request appropriate clothing from home. No one may continue to wear said clothing with tape over it as a solution to his or her violation.

Individual schools may implement more specific and restrictive dress with the approval of the Superintendent.

This policy will be published in student handbooks.

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