

R 5511 Dress and Grooming

The Board directs that cleanliness and neatness in all phases of activity be encouraged for pupils' appearance. The administration is authorized to develop procedures, which establish prohibitions on dress, or grooming practices which:

1. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the pupil or to others in the school.
2. Materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
3. Present extremes in dress that interfere with normal classroom procedures.
4. Run counter to long-established acceptable dress codes for health and safety measures.
5. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
6. Prevent pupils from achieving their own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Elementary Dress Code

The Somerset Hills School District expects pupils to wear sensible shoes and clothing to school. Dress and appearance must not be unduly distracting to an orderly teaching and



learning process. For the safety and well-being of our pupils, the following dress items are not permitted at Bedwell Elementary School:

- Flip-flops or thong-type shoes
- High-heeled shoes, including high-heeled sneakers.
- Shoes with cleats or wheels.
- Excessively long pants (which can be tripped over).
- Halter tops, tube tops or cropped tops.
- T-shirts that promote the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- Shirts with writing or designs that are inappropriate for elementary school age children.
- Hats while inside the school building.

Middle School Dress Code

There are three requirements for school dress at Bernardsville Middle School:



- No dress may be unsafe to the wearer or to others, or be likely to cause damage to property.
- No dress may be unduly distracting to an orderly teaching/learning process.

The following do not meet these standards and are, therefore, considered inappropriate school attire: articles of clothing which have indecent, hateful, biased or offensive writings, pictures, or slogans; exposed underwear; bare midriffs; bare feet; tube tops; non-prescription sunglasses; beachwear.

For special functions, such as dances, field trips, special theme days, etc., pupils are to conform to the type of dress deemed appropriate by the sponsoring group and approved by the administration.

High School Dress Code

There are three requirements for school dress at Bernards High School:

- No dress may be unsafe to the wearer or to others, or be likely to cause damage to property.
- No dress may be unduly distracting to an orderly teaching/learning process.



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