STUDENT DRESS

Policy 443.1

Waunakee Community School District

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The Waunakee Community School District recognizes that each student's mode of dress is an expression of personal style and individual preference. Therefore, responsibility for making student dress decisions will generally rest with the students themselves and their parents or guardians, except when their choices cause a health or safety concern or interfere with the educational program or school operations.

Accordingly, students are prohibited from wearing attire that:

- causes, or is likely to cause, a substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities;
- interferes with the District's educational mission or related policies; or
- endangers the health or safety of the student or others.
- Other student dress related policy as written in the school board approved student/parent handbook.

This policy applies during the school day, in school vehicles, and at school-sponsored activities.

The building principal will inform staff, students and parents and guardians of this policy annually and provide for the fair and consistent enforcement of the policy.

If there is a disagreement between staff and students and/or their parents or guardians regarding the appropriateness of a student's attire, the principal has the authority to make this decision and determine the actions that will be taken to deal with the matter.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

<u>Section 118.035</u> [school uniforms]

<u>Section 118.13</u> [student nondiscrimination]

Section 120.13(1)(a) [school board power to set rules pertaining to student conduct and dress]

Cross References:

440, Student Expression Activities 443.8, Gang and Gang-Related Activities WASB PRG 443.1 Sample Policy 2

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