

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE 443.1 - STUDENT DRESS

- A. Responsibility for the personal appearance of students enrolled in the School District of New London will normally rest with the student themselves and their parents/guardians. Student dress or grooming should not, however:
 - 1. Affect the health or safety of students;
 - 2. Disrupt the learning process within the classroom or school; or
 - 3. Be revealing or have the potential to be distracting or disruptive to the learning of others. Undergarments should be covered, no exposed stomachs, etc.
- B. No student will be permitted to wear any clothing, jewelry or accessories which is normally identified with a gang or gang-related activities (e.g., gang-related colors) or clothing and accessories that contains pictures and/or writing referring to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexual references, profanity, nudity, violence, and/or illegal drugs.
- C. Hats, coats, and headwear are to be placed in lockers before school and taken out only when leaving the building. Hats are to be removed when in the building. Students are not allowed to wear headwear, headbands, or hairbands that could be considered distracting (e.g. crowns, animal ears).
- D. Students who have a tendency to become chilled are expected to wear sweaters or other appropriate clothing.
- E. Special requirements will be necessary in certain areas such as physical education, art, band, driver education, science lab, and shops (e.g., safety glasses, aprons).
- F. Footwear must be worn at all times.
- G. Students will not wear articles of clothing that cause excessive maintenance problems (e.g., cleats on boots, shoes that scratch and/or mark floors, wallet chains, trousers with metal rivets that scratch furniture).
- H. This policy is in force during the school day, in school vehicles, and at all school activities. The wearing of outer garments and headwear will be permitted in school vehicles and at school activities where appropriate.

- I. If there is a disagreement between students and/or parents and the staff regarding the appropriateness of clothing, the principal/assistant principal will use his/her discretion to make the decision.

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Section 120.44 Wisconsin Statutes