

## MUSCATINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

### **503.3R STUDENT APPEARANCE - ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

A dress code policy exists to ensure that a dignified learning environment exists. The Muscatine Community School District has established that certain clothing violations are not in line with the professional environment that is expected. A student's appearance, including dress and grooming, must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety, and decency. Student appearance should be appropriate for the time, place, and occasion.

The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate student appearance during regular school hours:

1. Clothing should predominantly cover a student from shoulder to below the buttocks and be worn in a dignified manner.
2. Headwear
3. At MHS - Hats and hoods are allowed; headbands and sweatbands are not allowed
  - a. At SCJH, no headwear is allowed.
  - b. At elementary - no headwear is allowed.
  - c. Headphones may be used only during assigned area time.
4. Costuming will not be allowed, except during designated school - related events, such as Spirit Week. If allowed, costumes must meet general dress code expectations.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times. These include all hard sole shoes. Flip-flops are acceptable.
6. Coaches or afterschool activity sponsors are to decide the dress code during practice and competition hours.
7. No clothing or apparel is to; promote products illegal for minors, display or imply obscene material, profanity, hate speech, make reference to prohibited conduct such as by use of acronyms or words, images, or phrases that have taken on an obscene or profane meaning on social media or in culture generally, or determined to be gang-related.
8. When, in the judgment of a principal or designee, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.

It should be noted that an administrator reserves the right to determine appropriateness related to attire.

The following procedures will be followed regarding enforcement of the Student Appearance policy:

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1. Offenders of the dress code will be told that they have violated the dress code and what area of the code they have violated.
2. Students will be asked to change the clothing to meet district policy.
  - a. If a student refuses, disciplinary action will be taken.
  - b. Repeated violations will also result in disciplinary action.