

POLICY

North Haledon Board of Education

Section: Pupils

5511. DRESS AND GROOMING

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The Board of Education requires pupils to dress in an appropriate way which does not cause a disruption to the normal school operation and/or bring attention to one's self. Make-up and clothes must be gender appropriate and not excessive to the point of distraction. The administration reserves the right to determine what is appropriate. The following dress code guidelines shall apply:

1. Shorts and dresses must be worn at a length that is appropriate for school. Shorts may be worn from April 15 through October 15.
2. Crop pants that fall just above the ankle, may be worn all year. Capri pants that fall just below the knee may be worn from April 15 through October 15.
3. Clothing with holes, rips, or tears may not be worn as they present a hazard to pupils' safety. This includes jeans.
4. Clothing that makes vulgar or distasteful comments or promotes violence, advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or drugs are prohibited.
5. Clothing must not be revealing. Some examples of inappropriate clothing include halter tops, strapless dresses/tops, spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder or low cut tops, see through tops, bare midriffs, shirts or pants that reveal the belly button. Clothing shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.
6. Tank tops or fishnet shirts are prohibited. However, sleeveless shirts that fall directly under the underarm are permitted.
7. Pajama pants are prohibited.
8. Gang related apparel such as pants that drag the ground, belts with an overhang, and chains, chokers, or dog collars are prohibited.
9. Beepers or cellular phones are prohibited on school grounds. iPods and MP3 players are prohibited in school.
10. Graffiti on the body and clothing is prohibited.

11. Hats, caps, visors, sweatbands, sunglasses are prohibited. Bandannas and headbands worn on the forehead are prohibited.
12. Beach shoes such as Adidas flip flops are prohibited. Sandals are permitted.
13. Unusual hairstyles, colors, and shaved heads are prohibited.

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