

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION BAYONNE

PUPILS

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The Board of Education recognizes that each pupil's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of the pupil's personal style and individual preferences. The Board will impose its judgment on pupils and parents or legal guardians only when a pupil's dress and grooming affect the educational program of the schools.

Pupils may not wear clothing or engage in grooming practices that present a health or safety hazard to the individual pupil or to others; materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program; cause excessive wear or damage to school property; or prevent the pupil from achieving his or her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement. The building principal shall determine whether the dress or grooming of pupils comes within these prohibitions.

Staff members shall demonstrate by example and precept wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.

All students are required to arrive at school each day well groomed and neatly dressed in a mandatory uniform. It is the student's responsibility to dress according to the approved and reasonable regulations of the Bayonne Board of Education.

With the above in mind, these specific guidelines have been developed for students in grades prekindergarten through eight:

#### Clothing and Accessories

1. Are to be neat, clean, worn as intended, and of proper fit;
2. Should neither expose the wearer nor others to the possibility of physical harm or injury, i.e. untied laces for shoes, sneakers and clogs, earrings, bracelets, etc.;

Please note that within the framework of the uniform policy:

1. Boys: Uniform Shirt (navy blue) with district logo and navy blue/khaki pants or walking shorts, navy blue/khaki sweatshirt or sweater. White golf type shirt, long or short sleeves with logo; Long or Short sleeve navy blue/khaki T-shirt with logo; Any shirt worn under the school uniform shirt (layering) must be solid white, navy blue or khaki. Stripes and all other colors are

not to be worn; Sweatshirts must be navy blue or khaki and be free of any writing or logo. The only acceptable logo is the Board of Education. Plain navy blue/khaki sweatshirts may be worn; Solid navy blue/khaki turtle necks may be worn with Board of Education logo; Navy Blue/Khaki Bermuda style walking shorts or navy blue/khaki cargo shorts of appropriate length may be worn to school.

2. Girls: Uniform Shirt (navy blue) with district logo, navy blue/khaki pants, skirt, skort, walking shorts or Capri pants, navy blue/khaki sweatshirt or sweater; White golf type shirt, long or short sleeves with logo; Long or short sleeve navy blue/khaki T-shirt with logo; Any shirt worn under the school uniform shirt (layering) must be solid white, navy blue or khaki. Stripes and all other colors are not to be worn; Leggings (tights) must be solid navy blue or tan (off white). Stripes/colors other than navy blue/tan (off white) may not be worn; Sweatshirts must be navy blue or khaki and be free of any writing or logo. The only acceptable logo is the Board of Education. Plain navy blue/khaki sweatshirts may be worn; Solid navy blue/khaki turtle necks may be worn with Board of Education logo; Navy Blue/Khaki Bermuda style walking shorts or Navy Blue/khaki cargo shorts, of appropriate length may be worn to school; Navy Blue/Khaki jumper (dress) may be worn.

3. Boys and Girls: On days of physical education the student may wear either the mandatory school uniform or sweat pants and T-shirt with the district logo;

4. Jeans are not permitted;

5. Hats are not to be worn in the school building at anytime;

6. Coats are not to be worn during class time.

Enforcement of the mandatory uniform policy starts with each parent and student exercising responsibility and good judgment. All professional staff members have the obligation of reporting uniform policy violations. Each violation shall be documented.

1. Any violation of the mandatory uniform policy will be reported to the school authority (building principal) and the student and parent will be notified in writing;

2. A copy of the notice will be placed in the student's folder;

3. Continued violation of the mandatory uniform policy rules and regulations will result in more serious disciplinary action.

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