SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING

1. Purpose

Title 22 Sec. 12.11 (a) (b) (d) The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearances except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools or the health and safety of others.

2. Authority

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to enforce school regulations prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which:

- 1. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student him/herself or to others in the school.
- 2. Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
- 3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
- 4. Prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.
- 5. Contain a drug and/or alcohol message and/or depicts violence or hate messages.

Title 22 Sec. 12.11 (c) Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, shops, extra-curricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.

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3. Delegation of Responsibility	 The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which: designates the building principal to monitor student dress and grooming in his/her building. Invites the participation of staff and students in the preparation of a dress code which may specify prescribed dress and grooming practices, but may not amplify the rationale for prohibition established by Board policy. Instruct staff members to demonstrate by example and precept wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty,
Title 22 Sec. 12.11	 and good sense in attire and appearance. 4. Ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.
PA Code Title 22 Sec. 12.11	
	References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.3
	State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.11 Board Policy – 325, 425, 525
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