

**Policy**

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DRESS AND GROOMING

The Frenchtown Board of Education firmly believes that good grooming and appropriate dress enhance the educational environment and help promote good conduct in the school. During the school day, clothing of students should be neat, clean, inoffensive and appropriate. 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 appearance, except when their choices affect the educational program.

The board authorizes the superintendent to enforce the school rules prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which:

- A. Present a hazard to health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
- B. Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
- C. Have graphic or verbal illustrations that represent violence, illegal behavior, illegal or controlled substances, profanity, or are sexual in nature;
- D. Cause wear or damage to school property;
- E. Prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Specific Rules for Student Dress

Clothing which is distracting, obscene, displays profanity, or advertises an illegal activity or product is prohibited. Clothing which constitutes a health or safety hazard is prohibited.

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to insure the health and safety of the student.

The following are types of clothing listed that are not appropriate for school and shall not permitted to be worn in school:

- A. Outdoor clothing (no hoods, hats, coats, heavy jackets, etc.) unless climatic conditions warrant exceptions;
- B. See-through clothing without undergarments or clothing that obviously displays undergarments;
- C. Form-fitting bottoms, such as yoga pants and leggings, must be worn with a longer shirt that covers the bottom;
- D. Clothing that drags on the floor;
- E. Clothing or patches on clothing which are obscene by message or placement;
- F. Clothing that advertises alcohol, drugs or sexual double entendres;

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- G. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times and be firmly attached to the foot. No athletic sandals, slide sandals or wheelies. Gym shoes are required for gym classes;
- H. Winter coats must be worn for outdoor recess during winter months.

If there is a question regarding any of the above, the Principal will be the final judge. Parents may be requested to bring in suitable clothing before the students may return to class.

The superintendent may develop additional procedures to implement this policy .

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<b>Legal References:</b>	N.J.S.A. 18A.11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	N.J.S.A. 18A:37-1	Submission of students to authority

<b>Cross References:</b>	*5131	Student Conduct and Discipline
	*5142	Student Safety

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.