

EAST MILLINOCKET SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

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The responsibility for dress, hygiene and appearance of students rests with individual students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). A reasonable cleanliness of a person and of wearing apparel is expected as a matter of health and aesthetics. Students should use sound judgement that reflects respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. The goal of the school district is to provide a safe, healthy and non-discriminatory environment for educating students for maximum academic and social development. In keeping with this goal, the Board will not interfere with personal choices unless these choices create a disruptive influence on the school program or affect the health and safety of others. The following restrictions shall be enforced. These include but are not limited to:

- A. Articles of clothing that promote the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs may not be worn on school grounds (when school is in session) or at school functions.
- B. Clothing, footwear, insignia or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited.
- C. Articles of clothing that are sexual, vulgar, lewd, indecent, or include suggestive innuendos or insulting words that can be construed by a reasonable person as being obscene in nature (e.g. racial/ethnic slurs) are prohibited. These items include but are not limited to:
 - Strapless tops, halter tops or any other top that is low cut or displays cleavage.
 - Shirts that include spaghetti straps or that are often referred to as tube tops
 - Clothing that is transparent and/or reveals any undergarment
 - Clothing that reveals the midriff
 - Shorts, clothing with excessive holes, dresses or skirts that are excessively short or deemed to be revealing (e.g. shorts or skirts that do not exceed a student's finger tips when they hold their arms against the side of their bodies)
- D. Clothing that is destructive of school property (e.g. cleats, pants with metal inserts that may scratch the floor or furniture) is prohibited
- E. Excessive perfume, after-shave, and other fragrances are prohibited
- F. Hats, hood, and sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building except with permission from administration due to medical, religious, or cultural reasons.
- G. Clothing or accessories, which promote harm or ways to harm one's self or others, are prohibited.
- H. Proper footwear is to be worn at all times. Footwear posing a safety concern is prohibited (e.g. slippers, shoes with damage, etc.). School administrators or teachers

may require special clothing for health and safety reasons. However, no particular brand may be required.

- I. Pajamas, beachwear, and certain types of active athletic wear are inappropriate, unless special permission is granted (e.g. spirit week).

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code will be required to find clothing that meets the code. Students will be asked to call home and request a change of clothing. If the situation is not corrected a student may be sent home and also may face detention or suspension.

For students in physical education, shorts, sweat pants, T-shirts, active wear, socks, sneakers, etc. must not conflict with the restrictions listed above. Any alternative physical education clothing must be approved by the instructor.

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