

**Darien Public Schools
Darien, Connecticut**

POLICY

**Series 5200
Rights and Responsibilities**

Policy 5280

DRESS CODE

Students should dress within reasonable limits so that their dress does not jeopardize the health or safety of the wearers or others, or cause distraction or disruption of the educational process as determined by the Administration.

Clothing that may jeopardize the health or safety of the wearer or others includes, but is not limited to, spiked or studded bracelets, oversized or multi-finger rings, chains, belts or any other article of attire with spikes or studs attached.

Clothing that is provocative or revealing or which conveys, supports or implies the use of drugs or alcohol, sex, violence, profanity, hateful or discriminatory messages is inappropriate for school wear. Specifically, attire or accessories that contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures likely to unduly disrupt the educational environment, or that constitute "fighting words," are prohibited. Provocative or revealing clothing includes, but is not limited to, shirts and/or blouses that reveal the abdomen, chest, or undergarments; see-through clothing, and shorts, miniskirts, or pants that reveal the upper thigh or undergarments.

Footwear and shirts must be worn at all times.

Teachers may ask students to remove their head coverings. Head coverings include but are not limited to scarves, bandannas, masks, headbands, visors, kerchiefs, athletic sweatbands, hats, caps or hoods. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practice or belief, or medical need, shall not be prohibited under this policy.

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