

# PERSONAL APPEARANCE

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

*Your personal appearance includes everything that another person can see when you are in their presence, including clothing, hair, jewelry, body art, and footwear. Although we respect personal preference and individual tastes, your appearance is important as it reflects not just on you but on all of us. Our rules regarding personal appearance are established by enforcing commonly held standards for decency that are accepted in our community. It is an authority granted to all schools through PA state law, PA Public School Code, and the enactment of local School Board Policy.*

## GENERAL GUIDELINES REGARDING PERSONAL APPEARANCE

### GENERAL RULES of CONSIDERATION

1. If your personal appearance causes a disruption to the educational mission of the school or detracts from someone's right to an education, it cannot and will not be permitted to continue.
2. If your personal appearance endangers or jeopardizes the health or safety of yourself or others it cannot and will not be permitted to continue.
3. If your personal appearance contains, displays, or implies any form of speech that references drugs or alcohol, profanity, sexual acts or exploitation, or other illegal, immoral, or indecent behaviors, it cannot and will not be permitted to continue.

**DRESS & GROOMING** - The following standards should be used as guidelines to determine appropriate dress and grooming. Please keep in mind that the school reserves the authority to determine the parameters for what is acceptable or reasonable.

1. Extreme styles, including short skirts (dresses), low cut tops, or noticeably tight clothing is not acceptable.
2. Hats or other headwear, such as bandanas or hoods, may not be worn inside the building.
3. Shoes or appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.
4. Shorts are not permitted between November 1st and April 1st.
5. Non-prescription sunglasses are not to be worn without documented medical reasons.
6. Facial hair is acceptable provided that it is trimmed, neat, and clean.
7. Hair restraints may be required for some students for safety reasons.

*If a student's appearance is considered inappropriate, the home will be contacted and the student will be asked to change. If a change is not possible, the student may be detained in the office. Repeated failure to comply is insubordinate and will result in disciplinary consequences.*