

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #53  
Burnham – Detroit – Pittsfield**

**Student Dress Code**

The responsibility for the dress and appearance of students shall rest with individual students and parents or guardians. Student dress and appearance shall be neat and shall not interfere with the safety, order and effectiveness of the educational process.

Examples of unacceptable attire include, but are not limited to, clothing that:

- (a) promotes alcohol, tobacco or other drugs;
- (b) contains a message that is obscene, vulgar or indecent;
- (c) presents a safety hazard within the classroom;
- (d) causes excessive maintenance problems such as cleats, shoes that scratch floors, and trousers with metal rivets that scratch furniture;
- (e) is immodest or revealing clothing that distracts from the educational process;  
and
- (f) may also include footwear, insignia or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited.

Appropriate dress will be determined at the sole discretion of administrators. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Policy Reference: 9.7 Standards for Student Behavior

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