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Ocean City has always felt that good taste in personal attire and good grooming on the part of its pupils plays a major role in creating the type of overall school atmosphere which is conducive to a positive educational experience. While styles do change, the administration reserves the right to require that a pupil's appearance be in good taste and in accordance with those principles that encourage good health habits. Pupils are required to wear clothing that is not dangerous, distractive, or indecent. In classes where long hair or clothing would be a hazard, all pupils are expected to comply with the rules established by the administration and instructor to prevent possible injury. Pupils must always wear some type of shoes, sneakers, or sandals.

Pupils will not wear:

- 1. Any apparel or accessory with offensive, bias, or profane material on it or refer to drugs, sex, alcohol, tobacco products (as determined by administration);
- 2. Cut-off shirts or blouses, tube tops, muscle shirts, halter, one-strap, or backless tops;
- 3. Shirts, blouses, skirts, shorts, or pants exposing the midriff or worn below the natural waist.
- 4. Hats, hoods, scarves, bandanas, or other headgear;
- 5. Clothing which is designed for beachwear (bathing suits, etc.)
- 6. Undergarments or pajamas worn as outerwear (including bedroom slippers);
- 7. Sunglasses;
- 8. Outer coats or jackets of any length in the cafeteria;
- 9. Chains, cords, spiked jewelry, or ropes, regardless of intended use; and
- 10. Excessively (above mid-thigh) short skirts and /or shorts.

The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of a pupil's attire. A pupil found to be in violation of the dress code may be sent home and subject to disciplinary action.



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