

R 5511 DRESS CODE

The following dress code has been developed in accordance with Board Policy, and in consultation with staff members, student council, and parents or legal guardians of this district.

Students of Mendham Township School District are expected to wear clothing that reflects respect for our schools and community. Pupils are expected to avoid extremes in clothing that might jeopardize the health or safety of the pupil or other pupils.

Except for extreme cases, students will receive one warning for a dress code violation where he or she will return to class while appropriate clothing is obtained. Following the first violation, students will not be permitted into class with a dress code violation. Parents/guardians will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school if necessary. The student may elect to change into his/her gym clothing to gain compliance with the dress policy. The following represents appropriate attire in school and/or at school-sponsored events:

1. Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the natural waist line and be securely fastened.
2. Shorts and skirts must adhere to the fist length as a rule of thumb. (Fist length: The place on the thigh where an individual's fist comes to rest when standing with arms relaxed by their side.)
3. Clothing must completely cover midsections, cleavage, back, and sides of the body when sitting, standing, or bending.
4. Spandex and leggings must not be sheer or see-through and are permitted if worn with a top that covers the buttocks and hangs in a uniform fashion around the body.
5. Ripped or torn clothing is not permitted.
6. Tops (shirts, blouses, dresses, tank tops) must have straps, and cannot be see-through.
7. Clothes that foster the intolerance of others, support the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, profanities and obscenities or that imply sexual connotations are not permitted.
8. Footwear (beach or shower type and excessively high heels or platform shoes) that is considered unsafe is not permitted. In addition, students who wear



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- footwear to recess that is considered unsafe for physical education cannot actively participate in recess. All shoes must have ankle strap or a back.
9. Outdoor jackets, coats, nonprescription sunglasses, and headwear (with the exception of head coverings required by an organized religion or prescribed by a physician for medical reasons) within the building are not permitted.
 10. Underwear bottoms/boxer shorts that are visible are not permitted.
 11. Athletic uniforms worn to school must conform to dress code.

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