

Policy

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Milltown Board of Education believes that a strong relationship exists between what a student wears and the attitude and behavior he/she displays toward school.

Students must be well groomed and appropriately dressed at all times. Appropriately dressed means clothing must be neat and clean and should not be hazardous to the health and safety of self or others and should not be capable of disrupting the school's educational program.

The dress code will be enforced during the school day, at all school functions (including school dances) and on trips.

Exceptions to the student dress code policy for special occasions such as School Spirit Days and Student Council event days will be announced by the Principal in advance. Exceptions for medical reasons require clearance through the school nurse.

Prohibited Clothing and Articles

- A. Clothing with language or graphics that promote violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco or sexual conduct. In addition, clothing with messages deemed offensive, profane, expressing racial or ethnic slurs and gang associations are also prohibited. Pants or shorts with printing across the buttocks are not permitted.
- B. "Ripped" style clothing may not have openings in areas deemed inappropriate and/or exposing undergarments.
- C. Dresses and tops with "spaghetti" straps are not permitted. Tank tops must have straps a minimum of 2" wide and fall close to the neckline and directly below the underarm to insure that the torso and undergarments are not exposed.
- D. No halter tops, strapless, tube tops, off-the-shoulder, low cut, or crop tops. Midriff, back and chest cannot be exposed.
- E. Transparent clothing is not permitted unless it is worn over clothing as an accessory.
- F. Underwear may not be worn as outerwear.
- G. Form fitting clothing that exaggerates the anatomy is prohibited. Leggings are permitted only if they are worn under a dress or skirt.
- H. Shorts and skirts must be a minimum of mid-thigh length.
- I. Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist without undergarments exposed.
- J. No chains on pants, wallets, around the neck or any other accessories that may be deemed a safety hazard may be worn.
- K. No bare feet, flip-flops, beach footwear, slippers, heeleys (w/wheels) or any other potentially dangerous footwear. Sandals are permitted only when straps secure the shoe to the back of the foot.

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- L. No hats, bandanas or sweatbands or outerwear such as winter coats or heavy jackets may be worn or carried during the school day.
- M. No sunglasses may be worn during the school day.
- N. No pajamas may be worn during the school day.

Physical Education

Traditional sneakers are required in all Physical Education classes.

Open back slip-on sneakers and zippered sneakers cause safety concerns as they actually fall off while your child is running. Hiking boots are heavier than regular sneakers and can cause injuries to other children who may accidentally get kicked by the child wearing them. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of a sneaker, please speak with your child's Physical Education teacher. T-shirts with sleeves must be worn. Shorts must be a minimum of mid-thigh length and waistbands cannot be rolled down.

Dangling jewelry is not permitted as it can pose a safety hazard.

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LEGAL REFERENCES

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-7	Legislative findings and declaration
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-8	Adoption of dress codes by boards of Education, Uniforms required; request for code by principal, staff, and parents
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-9	Adoption of dress code policy prohibiting wearing of clothing indicating membership in certain gangs