

## **Policy 504.12**

### **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

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#### **Student Appearance**

The board believes inappropriate student appearance causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment or presents a threat to the health and safety of students or employees.

Students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness, grooming and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a good learning environment. The standards will be those generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a school setting.

The board expects students to be clean and well groomed and wear clothes in good repair and appropriate for the time, place and occasion. Clothing or other apparel promoting products illegal for use by minors and clothing displaying obscene material, profanity, or reference to prohibited conduct are disallowed. While the primary responsibility for appearance lies with the students and their parents, appearance that is disruptive to the education program will not be tolerated. When, in the judgment of a principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational environment or process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modification.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principals, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Legal Reference: Hines v. Caston Sch. Corp. 651 N.E. 2D 330 (1995)  
Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)  
Bethal School District v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986)  
Tinker v. DesMoines Ind. Comm. Sch. Dist. ,393 U.S. 503 (1969)  
Neb. Statute 79-526

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