

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL BOARD POLICY
DRESS CODE

The purpose of this policy is for the Board to establish a sense of appropriateness of dress that will not interfere with the educational process and prepare students for life beyond their school experience.

1. Students should develop good habits in personal hygiene.
2. Hair should be neat and clean and not present a threat to the health and safety of the student or be a disruptive influence in the school.
3. Student dress should be appropriate for the school activity in which the student is involved.
4. The Board recognizes that the general appearance of students is a common concern of the students, parents and the school. Factors to be considered are health, safety, appropriateness of one's appearance and disruptive influence in the classroom.
5. Articles of clothing which promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs may not be worn on school grounds when school is in session or at school functions.
6. Clothing, footwear, insignia, or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited on school grounds or at school functions.
7. Articles of clothing with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd or indecent, which create a disturbance, or include insulting words (e.g., racial or ethnic slurs), are not permitted.
8. Clothing that is destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch) or which may be considered weapons (e.g., chains, spiked collars and bracelets, and sharp objects that do not have practical use in school) are not permitted on school grounds or at school functions. Cleats or other items may be permitted when use is required by participation in a curricular, co-curricular, or extracurricular activity.
9. Any type of headwear (caps, hats, bandanas, hoods, helmet hats, or other types of headgear) shall not be worn in the school building from the start of the first class to the end of the school day. Administration may make allowances for special days such as spirit week. Exceptions will also be made for IEPs, medical, or religious requirements. Non-bandana style headbands worn for the purpose of holding hair back are appropriate.
10. Appropriate footwear shall be worn at all times. Slippers are not permitted.
11. Clothing that reveals too much cleavage, back, chest, stomach, or underwear is not appropriate for a school setting.

In the event that a student is in violation of the dress policy, the student will be asked to change

his or her clothing or phone home to get a change of clothing. If the student is unable to get a change of clothing, the student may be issued alternate clothing for the day. If the student refuses to change, the parent or guardian will be contacted and the student may be sent home for the remainder of the day. Refusal to change clothes or a student with habitual offenses may face further administrative consequences.

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