

## **Student Dress**

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools or the health and safety of others.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop and enforce school regulations prohibiting student dress or grooming practices that:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or to others in the school.
- Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
- Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
- Prevent students from achieving their educational objectives.
- Represent membership in a gang.
- Obscene language or symbols, or symbols of sex, drugs, or alcohol on clothing are expressly prohibited.

Students shall be suitably attired and groomed during school hours, when attending district-sponsored activities and when representing Bernalillo Public Schools. To maintain a suitable appearance, facial, ear gauges, tongue piercings and visible tattoos may be subject to covering. Dress shall be modest so that cleavage, midriffs and buttocks are covered.

Student uniforms may be adopted at school sites where the parents of two-thirds of the students vote to approve a school uniform program.

(Bernalillo Public Schools Parent & Student Handbook p. 10)