

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

Responsibility for the personal appearance of students enrolled in the School District of Colby shall normally rest with the students themselves and their parents/guardians. Student dress or grooming should not, however:

- A. affect the health or safety of students; or
- B. disrupt the learning process within the classroom or school.
  - 1. During the school day, hats, caps, bandannas, head coverings and jackets shall be taken off and placed in the student's locker soon after the student enters the building. These items shall not be worn in the classroom and they shall not be worn in the school building except when the student has immediately entered or is leaving the building. Clothing should completely cover the torso from above chest cleavage to mid thigh.
  - 2. No student shall be permitted to wear any clothing that contains pictures and/or writing referring to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexual references, profanity, promotion of gambling, religious/racial intolerance, illegal drugs and/or gangs.
  - 3. Medallions or other jewelry which identify gang members or gang affiliation or which have come to represent a gang shall not be worn or displayed in school or at school events. Also, gang clothing is not always restricted to an item of clothing, but may include the way in which a particular item of clothing is worn. No gang insignia may be worn, possessed, used, distributed, displayed, carried or sold by any student on school grounds or at school-related activities at any time. The reference to "gang insignia" would also encompass items of clothing that signify gang activity by the manners in which they are worn.
  - 4. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that is distracting from the learning process or presents a safety risk, displays suggestive, offensive, obscene, sexually degrading or racially motivated graphics or statements (including, but not limited to, items such as, Big Johnson, Coed Naked, confederate flag) or pertains to drugs, alcohol or tobacco products is not permitted.
- C. This code is not intended to limit the right of building and/or District administration to establish rules or restrictions regarding other paraphernalia or dress that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the learning environment of any school. If there is a disagreement between students and/or parents/guardians and the staff regarding the appropriateness of clothing or other paraphernalia, the principal will use his/her discretion to make the final decision.
- D. Students who violate the rules may be subject to the collection of the inappropriate items; may be required to alter their apparel; and/or may be sent home by the administration for appropriate wearing apparel. A parent conference may be called to return the items which have been judged inappropriate. Repeated violations of school rules may constitute grounds for suspension or other appropriate action to correct the situation.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 120.13(1)(a), 102.44, 922.22(9), 939.625, 941.38

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy #443 – Student Conduct and Discipline