

# SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING	
<p>1. Purpose 24 P.S. 1317.3</p>	<p>The Board recognizes the right of every student to freedom of expression both in speech and the wearing of apparel as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court. The Board also recognizes its obligation to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the students who attend its schools. The Board further recognizes its responsibility to maintain a positive learning environment in the schools under its jurisdiction and to minimize the opportunity for student distraction and/or disruption.</p> <p>The Board believes that a policy of standardized dress will address the issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of the students attending its schools and will further aid in the maintenance of a positive learning environment.</p>
<p>2. Authority  SC 1317.3 Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p>	<p>The Board authorizes the Superintendent and/or a designee to enforce school regulations limiting student dress in order to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase school safety and provide for the health and welfare of its students;</li> <li>2. Promote a school and learning environment that focuses on instruction and learning, and;</li> <li>3. Promote school pride and school spirit.</li> </ol> <p>Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technology education classes, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.</p> <p>The Board further authorizes the Superintendent and/or designee to enforce school regulations prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which could:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Present a hazard to the health and/or safety of the student and/or others;</li> </ol>

