

Marple Newtown High School Dress Code

The Marple Newtown School Board wants to provide a climate of student individuality and freedom of choice within a framework that provides safety and reflects dignity and respect upon the school and community. Appropriate grooming is an essential ingredient of the total educational experience and is a shared responsibility among parents/guardians, students, and school authorities.

School authorities, parents/guardians and students should work together to provide a dress standard which is logical, tasteful, discourages displays of extremes, and promotes personal cleanliness and neatness of clothing. Students should dress for an educational setting, not a recreational one. When a student's attire disrupts the educational program or is a threat to safety or health, appropriate actions will be taken.

If, in the opinion of the teachers and administration, a student's attire is inappropriate, the student's parent/guardian will be notified and the student will be dismissed from class(es) until properly attired.

The following are specific interpretations of the dress standard policy:

- ❖ All clothing must be neat, clean, and in proper repair.
- ❖ Clothing must cover undergarments.
- ❖ Shirts and blouses must cover the chest and must meet, or fall below, the waistband.
- ❖ Form-fitting attire may not be worn. No midriffs, spaghetti straps, tube tops, or halter-tops.
- ❖ Shorts/skirts/skorts should be fingertip length. No cut-offs.
- ❖ Proper footwear must be worn at all times. No flip-flops, shower shoes, or slippers.
- ❖ Hats, outerwear, bandanas, head bands, visors, or sunglasses may not be worn or carried inside the school building.
- ❖ Message apparel and equipment which encourages the use of drugs or alcohol, cites inappropriate language, words or expressions, or displays sexually inappropriate gestures, or has an inappropriate or double meaning, are prohibited.
- ❖ Electronic devices including, but not limited to, cell phones, mp3 players, laser pointers, gaming devices, and pagers, may not be visible or operational during school hours.
- ❖ All backpacks, bookbags, coats, and electronic devices must be placed in the student's assigned locker during the school day.