

**Series 5000
Policy 5022
Students**

STUDENT DRESS

In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process, the Norfolk Board of Education (the “Board”) prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day:

- a. At no time will visors, hats, caps, or hoods be permitted in classrooms. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practice or belief, or as required or permitted in conjunction with school district health and safety protocols, shall not be prohibited under this policy. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit protective hairstyles. “Protective hairstyles” includes, but its not limited to, wigs, headwraps and hairstyles such as individual braids, cornrows, locs, twists, Bantu knots, afros and afro puffs.
- b. Sunglasses cannot be worn unless pursuant to a documented medical issue.
- c. Attire or accessories that contain vulgarity or that contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures, which are likely to disrupt the educational environment. Any accessory or attire that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.
- d. Attire or accessories depicting or suggesting violence so as to disrupt the educational environment or that provokes others to act violently or causes others to be intimidated by fear of violence.
- e. Attire or accessories that depict logo or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, vaping, or alcoholic beverages.
- f. Shirts and/or blouses that reveal the abdomen, chest, or undergarments.
- g. Shorts, miniskirts, or pants that reveal the upper thigh or undergarments.
- h. Backpacks and/or book bags are permitted to be carried between classes, but shall not obstruct safe passage in the classroom or in the corridors.

Students who fail to comply with Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be subject to school discipline up to and including expulsion in accordance with the Board's policy on student discipline.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-51 (definition of protective hairstyles)

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