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STUDENTS STUDENT APPEARANCE

The appearance of students at New Trier High School should reflect the atmosphere of a learning environment. Students should be fully dressed and meet reasonable standards of cleanliness and decency. Adequately protective footwear must be worn.

To insure that the rights of all students are protected, the following will not be permitted.

- 1. Modes of dress or appearance which are clearly disruptive and disturbing to the progress of the educational program;
- 2. Dress which displays messages or images that are clearly disrupting or disturbing to the progress of the educational program, including but not limited to:
 - a) Modes of dress which display drug or alcohol related language and/or advertising;
 - b) Modes of dress which display gang symbols or paraphernalia;
 - c) Modes of dress which display sexually explicit or suggestive images; and
 - d) Modes of dress which display obscenities, falsehoods, innuendoes, or other expressions either harmful to the normal development of the younger and less mature students, or offensive to the reasonable sensibilities of students, faculty, or other school personnel.

The Principal is the final authority for judging the appropriateness of a student's appearance.

Legal References: Chandler v. McMinnville School Dist., 987 F.2d 524

(9th Cir. 1992)

Rarr v. Schmidt, 460 F.2d 609 (5th Cir. 1972)

Oleson by Oleson v. Board of Education, 676 F.Supp. 8

(N.D. Ill. 1987)

Cross References: Policy 7-130, Policy 7-190

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