

**Hopedale Public Schools  
Policies of the School Committee**

**JICA**

**DRESS CODE**

All students attending school shall dress and groom themselves in such a manner as to avoid the disrupting any of the educational processes of the school. Although it is not within the province of the school to dictate styles, it is our responsibility to strive for a learning atmosphere. Anything that might distract from that, must, in fairness to all, be discouraged. In an effort to assist our students and their parents, the school has established the following dress code. All students are expected to abide by the following requirements when dressing for school.

**Inappropriate Content for Clothing and Hats**

Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco, which are not allowed on school premises according to state law, shall be banned. Other slogans or messages that cause disruption are not allowed.

**Appropriateness of Attire** – See Student Handbook for specifics

Undergarments should not be visible

Midriffs should not be visible

Cleavage should not be visible

Although hats may be worn in school, they must be removed upon teacher request

When, in the opinion of the teacher and/or principal or Dean, a student dressed in such a manner that is inappropriate, an adult will advise the student about the violation. The student will be asked to change into acceptable dress clothes, or will be sent home to change. Any manner of dress that distracts from normal operation of the school day will not be accepted. Failure to respond appropriately may result in disciplinary action.

**Appeal Process**

Students who wish to appeal a decision may make this appeal to the principal with a parent or guardian.

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Forms:

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