

## DRESS CODE

I. Prohibition of Inappropriate Clothing.

The Berlin Central School District Board of Education establishes that, in order to maintain order and promote a positive environment conducive to learning, clothing that is inappropriate shall not be worn by students, teachers, administrators, other school personnel, or visitors on the Berlin School property.

II. "Inappropriate Clothing" Described.

The term "inappropriate clothing," as used herein, shall include, but shall not be limited to, clothing containing commentary, illustration or innuendo promoting the use of alcohol or drugs; vulgar, sexual, or indecent themes or expressions; and obscene or pornographic pictures or references. Inappropriate clothing shall also be clothing that contains commentary, illustrations or innuendo that depict or suggest violence, hate, or the denigration of a particular gender, race, religion, ethnic or other group or person. Inappropriate clothing shall also be clothing that is otherwise distracting, and may disrupt the educational process, or is otherwise lewd or offensive.

Students shall not wear the following types of clothing:

Miniskirts/dresses see through clothing, tube tops, and tops exposing the midriff, halter tops, bare shoulders, or clothing which causes undue distraction and/or attention

III. Protective Eyewear

Eye safety devices (e.g., eye goggles) shall be provided by the Board for use in all circumstances where they may be required by law or Commissioner's Regulations. Such devices shall be worn in all shops or laboratories by students whenever they are in dangerous proximity to a potential eye hazard.

IV. Physical Education

The Superintendent or building principals may establish reasonable requirements for the wearing of clothing suitable for physical education activities, in particular that students wear only clothing that is compatible with safety and that enables the student to participate in required physical education activities. No specified brand, color, or insignia shall be required for such clothing.

References

8 NYCRR 141.10

Bethel School Dist. No.403 v. Fraser, 478 US 675 (1986)

Tinkerv. Des Moines Indep. Comm. School Dist., 393 US 503(1969)

Matter of Pintka, 33 EDR 228 (1993)

Matter of Parsons, 32 EDR 672 (1993)