

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY JICA – STUDENT DRESS CODE

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The responsibility for the appearance of the students rests with the parents and the students themselves.

We believe that there is a definite positive correlation between good dress habits, good work habits, self-esteem, and appropriate school behavior. We also believe that the key to being properly dressed is wearing clothing that fits the surroundings, situation, and season.

When the dress of an individual student constitutes a health problem, is unsuitable for school wear, is a danger to any person, or causes a substantial and material disruption or disturbance, the principal shall take appropriate action to correct the situation.

The dress code within each school shall be administered fairly, consistently, and equally to all students. The dress code shall not be enforced in a manner that discriminates against a particular viewpoint according to the guidelines provided in Pelham School Board Policy JICE or results in a disproportionate application of the dress code in a manner that is discriminatory according to Pelham School Board Policy AC.

Enforcement must accommodate clothing worn by students as an expression of religious beliefs and worn by students with disabilities.

Building principals are authorized to define expectations for student dress and consequences in the school handbook, provided that such expectations are consistent with this Policy and are approved by the Superintendent and School Board.

Clothing that depicts acts of violence, vulgarities, or racist language, represents drugs or alcoholic beverages, or displays inappropriate or suggestive language or situations is unacceptable.

District Policy History:

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Legal References:

U.S. Constitution, 1st Amendment

RSA 189:15, Regulations

RSA 193:38, Discrimination in Public Schools