

## DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

443.1

### STUDENT DRESS CODE

Responsibility for the personal appearance of students enrolled in the De Soto Area School District shall normally rest with the students themselves and their parents/guardians. Students are expected to dress appropriately for all school activities. Student dress or grooming should not, however:

- a. affect the health or safety of students; or
- b. disrupt the educational process within the classroom or school.

No student shall be permitted to wear the following:

- any clothing which is normally identified with a gang or gang-related activities (e.g., gang-related colors);
- clothing that contains pictures and/or writing referring to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexual references, profanity and/or illegal drugs or containing inappropriate or vulgar slogans;
- bikini tops, bikini "type" tops, and halter tops showing a bare midriff;
- jackets or coats unless the weather is such that the heating system of the school is unable to maintain a comfortable level of warmth;
- hats or headgear of any sort except for special activity days as approved by the principal;
- shirts and shoes must be worn at all times; and
- shirts must be worn with head through the neck and arms through the sleeves.

If there is a disagreement between students and/or parents/guardians and the staff regarding the appropriateness of clothing, the principal shall use his/her discretion to make the decision.

This policy is in force during the school day, in school vehicles and at all school activities.

The School District of De Soto does not discriminate in standards and rules of behavior, including student harassment, on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, color, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional, learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes  
120.13(1)  
PI 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 411-Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint  
Procedures

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