

## **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. Centennial BOCES-wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline programs, and improve school order and safety. The Board of Directors recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to change into appropriate clothing (or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately). If the student takes such actions to be in compliance, there shall be no further penalty for that offense. If the student cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, on the first offense, the student shall be given a written warning and the principal, or designee, shall notify the student's parents/guardians. On the second offense, the student shall remain in the administrative area of the school for the day to do schoolwork, and a conference with parents/guardians shall be held. Any classes missed as a result of the second offense are considered unexcused absences. On the third offense, the student may be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.

### **Unacceptable Items**

The following items are deemed disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school and are not acceptable in Centennial BOCES school buildings, on Centennial BOCES school grounds, or at Centennial BOCES school activities:

1. Shorts, dresses, skirts or similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh length
2. Sunglasses and/or hats worn inside the building
3. Inappropriately sheer, tight or low-cut clothing (e.g. midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, , garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar materials, muscle tops, etc.) that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts
4. Tank tops or other similar clothing with straps narrower than 1.5 inches in width
5. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
  - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
  - Are of a sexual nature

- By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs s which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
- Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
- Promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct
- Otherwise disrupt the teaching/learning process

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S.22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(J) discipline code shall include Student Dress Code

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