

STUDENT DRESS POLICY

The Saugus School Committee believes that students should dress in a way that indicates their respect for the importance of their activities in school. School attire should be decent, clean and comply with the requirements for health and safety and should not interfere with or be disruptive to the educational process. The administration is authorized to take action in instances where individual dress does not meet the stated requirements and they reserve the right to send students home to change into clothing, which is in accordance with the School Dress Policy. Examples of unacceptable clothing include, but are not limited to, French Connection United Kingdom brand, “FCUK”, as well as, any attire promoting alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

The following items are considered inappropriate attire for a school setting and will not be permitted in school, during school hours, at any time.

1. Wearing headgear (i.e., scarves, bandannas, baseball hats and stocking hats) in the building will not be permitted. All items are to be placed in the students’ locker and not carried around the building*
2. Wearing attire, which promotes, advertises, or displays drug, alcohol, violence, or tobacco use, as well as, obscene, offensive or sexual symbols, messages or language will not be permitted.
3. Wearing any clothing recognized as winter outerwear will not be permitted in the school building. *
4. Wearing tank tops without a shirt underneath, wearing undergarments as outerwear, or bare midriffs will not be permitted. Shirts must overlap the waistline of pants, skirts, and shorts. Wearing of “short” shorts, micro, mini, etc.... is not permitted. Skirts, dresses and shorts should reach below finger tips when arms are by sides or 4 inches above the knee which ever is longer.
5. Footwear that may be considered dangerous such as slippers, wheelie shoes, etc.
6. Boys must wear their pants at waist level. Showing of undergarments will be considered a violation of the dress code.

Any student sent home due to a dress code violation will incur an unexcused and unappealable tardy or absence. A school issued shirt may be used for dress violations.

- The Saugus School Committee instills in our administrators the right to direct and enforce the Dress Policy while acknowledging their ability and right to use discretion within the parameters of this policy. We also recognize that there are exceptions to every rule and our administrators shall therefore have the authority to suspend these rules for specific occasions and/or occurrences (i.e., medical necessity - physician’s note, spirit day, color day, varsity jacket day, cold weather days, etc.).

C. Step Three: If the complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant within five school days after submission to the Principal, the complainant may present the complaint, in writing, signed by the complainant to the Superintendent within five school days thereafter.

D. Step Four: In case of failure to resolve a complaint in a foregoing manner, either party may request a hearing before the Superintendent, whose decision shall be considered final by both parties.

Saugus High School is in compliance with Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971 and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. Chapter 622 guarantees that all aspects of public school education must be fully open and available to members of both sexes and minority groups. No

student may be excluded from any course, activity, service, or resource available in that school on account of the race, color, gender, religion, or national origin of the student. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 insures that no person shall, on basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any federally assisted program.

Ch. 76, Section 6 Place of Attendance; Discrimination. Every person shall have the right to attend public schools of the town where he actually resides, subject to the following section. No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

Approved by the School Committee: