



Student Dress Code

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Project SAVE

Safe Schools
Against
Violence in
Education Act



- District-wide Safety Plans
- Building Level Emergency Response Plan
- ▶ ■ **CODES OF CONDUCT**
- Teacher Authority/Principal Authority
- Uniform Violent Incident Reporting
- Instruction in Citizenship/Character Education
- Health Curriculum
- Violence Protection Education
- School Violence Prevention Training
- Whistle Blowing Protection
- Fingerprinting
- Penalties for Assaults on Teachers
- Child Abuse Reporting

*Comprehensive school violence legislation was enacted, signed Chapter 181 of the laws of 2000, and entitled **Project SAVE** or the Schools Against Violence in Education Act.*

Codes of Conduct:



- ▶ ■ **Appropriate dress and language**
- Security Issues
- Removal from the classroom
- Disciplinary procedures for those who violate the Code of Conduct
- Policies and procedures for the detention, suspension and removal of disruptive students
- Provisions to ensure compliance with State/Federal laws in relationship to SWD
- Provisions for notifying law enforcement of violations (e.g. violent crimes)
- Procedures for parental notification
- Committee to review actions relating to the Code of Conduct
- Procedures regarding PINS petitions and juvenile delinquency provisions
- Procedures for referral to human services agencies
- Minimum suspension periods for students who are repeatedly/ substantially disruptive
- Minimum suspension for periods for acts that qualify a student as violent

Process:



Dr. Montesano explained the history of the dress code, identified its place in the Code of Conduct, and described the charge of the committee.

The committee members reviewed related literature and resources.

Nyack District's Code of Conduct was used as a reference.

New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) suggestions were considered.

A collaborative discussion took place and the suggested Dress Code was produced.



Suggested Dress Code

Key Points:

- Be unlikely to injure people or damage property, according to this code and not substantially disrupt or materially interfere with the educational process.
- Private areas must remain covered with outer clothing.
- Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
- Not include headgear or sunglasses, except for religious or documented medical reasons.
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or that denigrate, harass or discriminate against others on account of race, color, weight, religion, religious practice, disability, creed, national origin, ethnic group, gender, sex, sexual orientation or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.



Thank you.
Questions?