

## **CRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL DRESS AND GROOMING GUIDELINES**

All students are encouraged to dress in a way that reflects good taste and is appropriate for school. Clothing must be clean and neat. It may not be a disruptive influence, present a threat to safety and health, or violate the law.

It is the intention of Cranford High School to ensure that all students recognize the need to be appropriately dressed each time they enter the school building. This means that the student's clothing should be consistent with the seriousness and importance of the educational process; it should not make a statement that would offend good judgment, be in poor taste, or incite others, but it should reflect good judgment and respect for peers, teachers, and staff.

Fashion trends often include clothing that may be acceptable outside of school but may not be acceptable inside of school. The guidelines listed below will ensure that students are dressed appropriately for school.

- A. Flip flops are not permitted due to safety concerns. Footwear must minimally have a strap that secures footwear to the back of the foot (heel).
- B. Any article of clothing that is excessively tight or loose or which may display excessive nudity (including but not limited to strapless tops, low cut tops, transparent blouses, bare midriffs, or visible undergarments is not permitted.)
- C. Any article of clothing that displays indecent or offensive writing, pictures, or slogans that promotes or glorifies the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or violence is not permitted.
- D. Any article of clothing that could cause damage to another student's person or property is not permitted.

Shorts, which cover the thigh, may be worn during excessively hot weather. An excellent guide for length of shorts, dresses, and skirts would be halfway down the thigh.

Hats are only permitted in the hallways and cafeteria. Hats must be removed prior to entering classrooms, offices, and the auditorium, except where such use is pursuant to the observance of religious beliefs or medical reasons. Sunglasses may be worn indoors by students only if a medical excuse has been officially filed with the school nurse and administration.

Regulating student dress shall be the responsibility of the principal and/or designee. The teacher is to play an important role in monitoring student dress and is required to refer a student to the Office of the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs whenever an individual's attire may interfere with the educational process. The administration reserves the right to make the final decision regarding school-appropriate clothing.

Appropriate dress for students can only be achieved with the total cooperation of parents. In order to achieve good taste in student dress Cranford High School appeals to parents to ensure that they purchase appropriate school attire for their children and supervise what they wear to school.

*Reference: Title 18A:11-7  
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