Policy 5511  **DRESS AND GROOMING**

A. The Board of Education believes that proper grooming and dress code have an influence on a pupil's educational program; therefore:

1. Pupil's attire must be clean, acceptable, and not extreme.
2. Hair must be neat and clean.
3. Neither clothing nor hair style shall be distracting or dangerous.

B. Compliance is requested of all pupils as follows:

1. Footwear must be worn at all times. For safety reasons, shoes and socks must be worn in science laboratories and industrial arts classes or shops.

2. Ornamental decals are prohibited if they reflect a lack of modesty or lack of adherence to Federal law or if they reflect a lack of respect or desecration of any national symbol or if they are not in good taste in symbol and language.

C. Physical Education

1. Grades Kindergarten - 5

   In grades Kindergarten - 5 all pupils participating in physical education must wear sneakers.

2. Grades 6 - 12

   All pupils participating in physical education must wear clean, zipperless gym shorts or sweat pants, sleeved T-shirt or sweatshirt, white athletic socks, and sneakers. Attire must be appropriate for physical education class and hazard-free. Clothing worn to regular classes is not considered acceptable or proper attire in physical education classes. In order to meet the goals and objectives of a Physical Education class, students must be properly dressed and equipped. It is recommended that students wear a white or red T-Shirt, shorts/sweats, and sneakers. Sweatpants and sweatshirts are recommended for outdoor activities. Elmwood Park Athletic Department issued clothing is not acceptable. Jewelry and team uniforms are not permitted.
3. Any ornamental accessories, jewelry (including earrings) deemed to be hazardous or dangerous must not be worn during physical education activities.

D. Pupils whose dress is considered to violate the code's intent may be subject to disciplinary action.

E. The Superintendent shall develop general guidelines for pupil dress, in accordance with the Board of Education Policy, and shall direct development of regulations suited to the appropriate dress of all pupils.

Dress Code Kindergarten – 5

The Board of Education believes that proper grooming and attire have an influence on the way that a pupil reacts to the educational environment. Under the direction of the Superintendent, each Building Principal shall determine compliance with respect to the Dress Code Policy and Regulation.

A pupil's appearance or mode of dress or cleanliness will not be permitted to disrupt the educational progress or constitute a threat to health and/or safety. When in the judgment of a Principal, the pupil's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process, or constitutes a threat to health and safety, the pupil may be required to make modifications.

Staff members will be required to alert pupils of the dress code requirements and enforce the provisions:

1. Pupil's clothing or hair shall offer no hazard to his/her own safety or that of others.

2. Pupils are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirement of a good school environment.

3. Footwear shall be in compliance with Board of Education Policy. Foot apparel must be worn at all times and have proper soles and heels. Shoelaces must be kept tied. **Flip-flops or “slides” are not permitted to be worn in school.**

4. Hats and outerwear are not permitted to be worn indoors. All outerwear shall be appropriately stored in lockers or coat closets.

5. Shorts may be worn from May 1 to November 1.

6. Undergarments worn as outerwear, "see through" attire, and bare midriff attire are unacceptable.
7. Beginning September 1, 2010, the following will be the required dress for all students:

**Shirts** - students must wear a plain, long or short-sleeved, white, gray or scarlet/red polo shirt with a collar. The shirt should have no brand-affiliated logo displayed on the front chest, collar, sleeve, or any other visible area. No stripes or designs of any fashion can be displayed on the shirt. Students may only wear collared shirts with Elmwood Park logos if so desired (not required). Shirts must be long enough to ensure that the midriff is not exposed, but not so long that the entire pants pocket is covered. The shirt must also be buttoned sufficiently to prevent unacceptable exposure.

**Pants** – Male students must wear khaki, gray or black pants. Female students may opt to wear khaki, gray or black pants, a khaki, gray or black skirt or khaki, gray or black skort (skirt or skort can not end more than two (2) inches above the knee). All students may wear khaki, gray or black shorts or khaki, gray or black capris between May 1st and November 1st. No jeans, sweat pants, spandex or stretch pants are permitted. Low cut pants that lead to exposure of undergarments or an exposed midriff are not permitted.

**Cold Weather** – students may choose to wear a gray, white, or red sweater or red, gray or white fleece during cold or inclement weather days. These articles of clothing may not include a hood.

Principals will ensure compliance with the Dress Code Policy and Regulation.

Dress Code 6 – 12

The dress code of all pupils must answer affirmatively to the concepts of decency and suitability for classroom and learning situations. Therefore, appropriate clothing should be worn for reasons of health and safety. To the degree possible and desirable, there shall be consistency and uniformity throughout the district.

Dress is the responsibility of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and pupils. However, the school affirms that acceptable standards for pupils are predicated on decency, neatness, cleanliness and safety. Dress for school must not distract from nor disrupt the educational process. Clothing must be modest and appropriate for the school setting.

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Coats and jackets are not to be worn during the school day unless permission has been granted by the administration. Pupils must store such items in their individual lockers.

Appropriate clothing and safe footwear are required for school. Articles of clothing, including footwear, which cause excessive maintenance problems such as cleats on boots or shoes that scratch and mark the floors, or pants or skirts with metal rivets which scratch the furniture are not acceptable.

Pupils who are inappropriately dressed will be required to change before returning to class. Repeat offenders will be subject to disciplinary action.

The school administration reserves the right to alter the dress code at their discretion.