

GILMER COUNTY SCHOOLS
POLICY MANUAL

POLICY # 5132

Title: Students- Elementary/Secondary – Dress/Hair

State Board of Education Ref: 4372 WV Code 18-5-13 WV Codes 18A-5-1

Dress: Students Rights and Responsibility Handbook (4372) states:

“As a student, you have the right to choose your own styles of dress and hair. The county board of education may reasonably limit the personal appearance and dress of its students if the objectives of the regulation are reasonably related to a valid educational objective such as teaching community values or maintaining school discipline. For example, proper attire is required when participating in athletics and working around or with food, machinery or chemicals. Health, safety, morals, community standards and welfare are considered when rules are made determining appropriate styles of dress and hair. Any rules regarding appearance that are imposed by your school must be generally the same for female and male students.”

Attire that advertises or encourages the uses of alcohol, tobacco or drug related products is prohibited.

Attire that is sexually revealing, provocative, implicit or has explicit sexual graphics is prohibited.

Attire that is disruptive to the educational process is prohibited.

The issue of attire is so broad that individual situations may need to be interpreted by school administrators who have the authority to do so.

If a parent/guardian and/or student disagree with the decision of the school administrator as it relates to dress, an appeal may be processed in accordance with county policy.

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