

**TALBOT COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EASTON, MD 21601**

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STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and nurturing educational environment that is conducive to learning for all students. Furthermore, the Board recognizes the right of students to express themselves through their choice of personal attire and affirms that the primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians and students must exercise discretion when selecting attire appropriate for school. The definition of "appropriate attire" will differ from setting to setting, and from situation to situation. However, there are basic standards to which students must adhere while in school so that learning is not compromised and the school's safe environment is maintained. Therefore, students shall dress in attire that promotes a safe and respectful learning environment that does not interfere with the health or safety of any student; nor contribute to a hostile, intimidating, or uncomfortable atmosphere for any student.

The Board directs the Superintendent and administration to develop regulations that establish clear standards for appropriate dress during the school day. Additionally, the Board directs that these regulations be clearly communicated to all students and parents/guardians, and that they be uniformly enforced in all schools with all students.