

Elementary School

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The staff of Bennie Elementary expects all students to be neatly and appropriately dressed and groomed at all times while in school and at all school functions. Clothing and general appearance of all students shall be in keeping with the intent of this policy. The spirit of the Allen Park dress and grooming regulations are best reflected in the following two excerpts from the Allen Park Board of Education policy:

"Students are expected to determine their patterns of dress and grooming, provided that such dress and grooming do not interfere with the health and safety of themselves or others and does not interfere with the educational process of the school."

In order to assist students and parents to comply with this provision, the following guidelines have been developed. The school administrator and staff will uphold the following regulations:

1. Clothing should not be so torn or so loose fitting as to be inappropriate or immodest.
2. Students are not to wear items of clothing which have obscene or vulgar statements or pictures, which promote alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances. Shirts that convey a negative attitude should not be worn to school. **Also, students should not wear clothing that promotes violence or fighting; such as "wrestling t-shirts".**
3. Shoes or footwear must be worn at all times. **Flip-flops do not make good shoes for children to wear to school, especially for gym and recess.**
4. Hats are not to be worn in the building and must be kept in the student's cubby or locker during the school day.
5. Makeup and all other cosmetic products are prohibited. This includes fake fingernails and "tattoos".
6. **No bare midriffs, crop tops, "fishnet" shirts, bare backs, halter tops, spandex, spaghetti straps, low cut or loose fitting tank shirts or transparent clothing are permitted at any time.** However, sleeveless tops that fit tightly around both the shoulder and the neck will be permitted. In general, school clothing should be age appropriate and modest.
7. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least fingertip length when one's arms are extended straight at one's sides.
8. Coats and jackets, and other outerwear should not be worn in class.

Exceptions to the above for "special" days may be declared by the administration.

These guidelines are offered as general statements so that students and parents can select and purchase clothing appropriate to the school environment. As in most other things, good judgment and common sense are the ultimate standards.

Students who arrive at school inappropriately dressed will be referred to the principal and asked to remedy the problem. This may involve being sent home to change a particular article of clothing.