

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE FOR THE BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The purpose of an elementary dress code is to help promote the health and safety of all students at the elementary level in the Berlin Central School District. All students are expected to give proper attention to appropriate dress for school and school functions. Students and their families have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable dress code policies, and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

According to the Berlin C.S.D. Policy 5.310.02 “Dress Code” the term “inappropriate clothing” as used in this document “shall include, but not be limited to, clothing containing commentary, illustrations, or innuendo promoting the use of alcohol or drugs, vulgar, sexual or indecent themes or expressions; an obscene or pornographic pictures or references. Inappropriate clothing shall also be clothing that contains commentary, illustrations or innuendo that depict or suggest violence, hate or the denigration of a particular gender, race, religion, ethnic or other group or person. Inappropriate clothing shall also be clothing that is otherwise distracting, and may disrupt the educational process, or is otherwise lewd or offensive.”

A student’s dress, grooming, and appearance at all times while on School premises shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with one’s learning or the learning of others.
2. Cover all undergarments at all times.
3. Not include shirts, blouses, dresses or other garments that expose one’s chest.
4. Cover all parts of the midriff area at all times, (sitting and standing).
5. Not include any garment with “spaghetti straps” or straps with any width less than one inch.
6. Not include pants, shorts, skirts, dresses, or other garments that do not fully cover one’s lower back.
7. Not include any garment that is considered pajamas.
8. Include footwear at all times that is considered safe.
9. Include shorts, skirts, dresses, and other garments that have a length that exceeds one inch below one’s fingertips (measured by having student stand straight with arms and hands laid straight at their side).
10. Not include wearing hats, hoods or other garments that cover one’s face.
11. Not include any accessories that compromise one’s safety or the safety of others. Chains that dangle from pockets to wallets, thick or heavy chains, spiked bracelets, necklaces, or any garment with a pointed edge that could cause injury, and all other accessories which cause undue distraction or attention are not to be worn to school.

If students do not follow the guidelines in this dress code, they may be asked to modify their appearance by covering, removing, or replacing a garment.