

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Responsibility for the personal appearance of students enrolled in the Eau Claire Area School District shall normally rest with the students themselves and their parents/guardians. Student dress or grooming shall not, however:

- a. affect the health or safety of students;
- b. disrupt the learning process within the classroom or school; or
- c. be destructive to school property.

In order to assure a healthy and safe school environment for students, the following student dress code guidelines will be enforced:

1. No student shall be permitted to wear any clothing or jewelry that contains pictures and/or writing referring to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexual references, profanity, promotion of gambling, illegal drugs and/or gangs. Clothing items that cause intimidation or disrupt the learning of others are prohibited. Students will not wear clothing that defames, insults, threatens, harasses or injures any racial or cultural groups or individuals.

2. Special requirements may be necessary to assure safety in certain areas such as physical education, art, band, science labs, kitchens, and technology education work areas; i.e. safety glasses, aprons, hair nets, etc.

3. Starting Monday, June 14, masks will be optional for our summer school staff and students. We have been encouraged by our current COVID-19 numbers in the community. Our District staff and student data is also promising. This decision also allows us to continue our other mitigation procedures and promote possible testing and screening to prepare for the fall. Because there will be fewer people in our buildings over the summer compared to the school year, there will be more space for students.

Please note that individuals who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear masks. The District will continue to examine our community metrics throughout the summer and may make adjustments to our policy as needed.

We also have not yet determined our policies for September 2021. What happens in our community over the summer will be a major factor. We must be able to be flexible enough to shift based on factors like community viral rates and spread, vaccine eligibility, and vaccination rates in our county.