



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #16

Language of the Bartlett High School Dress Code

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

- 1. Whereas**, language of the BHS dress code currently includes phrases that unfairly targets female students (example: explicit clothing including bare midriff and excessive cleavage);
- 2. Whereas**, female students are held to unequal standards to cover themselves completely (shoulders, thighs, legs, chest, straps, etc.) while male students are frequently overlooked if shirtless in physical education classes;
- 3. Whereas**, the prohibition against wearing ripped jeans is not written down in the Bartlett High School dress code but is enforced with consequences;
- 4. Whereas**, clause 3 of the Bartlett Dress Code will be changed from “any sexually explicit clothing (including bare midriff and excessive cleavage) are prohibited” to say “when students are standing or sitting normally, the hem of a shirt must reach the waistband of the jeans;”
- 5. Whereas**, the Bartlett Dress Code will be amended to include: “clothing that displays the abdomen/navel, midriff, or allows underwear or athletic shorts worn underneath to show (i.e sagging) is prohibited;”
- 6. Whereas**, clause 4 of the Bartlett dress code will be changed from “Tank tops and spaghetti strap tops must be covered” to say “visible straps must be two inches in width”;
- 7. Whereas**, the Bartlett Dress Code will be changed to say “plunging neckline, arm holes, and/or open backs that show excessive skin are prohibited;”

8. **Whereas**, a clause will be added to the Bartlett Dress Code saying “appropriate clothing must be worn at all times during physical education classes, unless changing in the appropriate locker rooms;”
9. **Whereas**, the consequences for violating the dress code are not explicitly written but are enforced leading to inconsistent policies such as being sent home, write ups, and detentions;
10. **Whereas**, consequences will be adjusted in order to be less harsh on students, such as being asked to cover or fix problem with students appearance, then if unfixable move into a more appropriate punishment like changing into an extra gym shirt or pants;
11. **Whereas**, punishments for breaking the dress code policy will only be enforced by administrators, not teachers due to inconsistencies in staff deciding if students look appropriate or not due to their own personal standards;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports changing the language of the Bartlett High School Dress Code to address language that unfairly targets female students.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the Alaska Association of Student Government, will be given to Sean Prince, Principal of Bartlett High School, with the recommendation of forming a student-teacher committee to discuss changes to the dress code.

Appendix A- Bartlett High School Dress Code 2019-20 School Year taken from the Bartlett High School Student Handbook

Dress Code

1. Specific words or symbols depicting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, obscenity, profanity, violence, gangs or other inappropriate words, symbols, or pictures will not be allowed.
2. Clothing which depicts special, secret, limited, or non-school sanctioned clubs, groups or organizations will not be allowed, to include pictures of known gang members or supporters of gangs.
3. Wearing sagging pants which expose undergarments and any sexually explicit clothing (including bare midriff and excessive cleavage) are prohibited.
4. Tank tops and spaghetti strap tops must be covered.
5. Shorts or skirts which are too short and are deemed inappropriate may not be worn; as a guide, stand and place your hands to your side. Your shorts, dresses, and skirts should fall below your fingertips when you are standing.
6. Student are allowed to wear certain head gear that includes but not limited to: baseball hat, skull caps, etc. Head gear such as rags, bandannas, hoods, headbands, etc., are to be removed prior to entering the building.
7. Chains and attire with spikes (metal or plastic), safety pins, or other sharp objects are not allowed.
8. Students are not allowed to wear blankets or any kind of bedding to school.

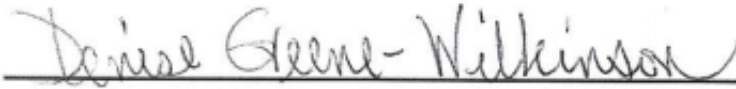
Sources:

1. **Bartlett High School Dress Code** <https://www.asdk12.org › cms › lib › Centricity › Domain>
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