

Book: Luzerne Intermediate Unit  
Section: 200 Pupils  
Title: Dress and Grooming  
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### **Purpose**

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.

### **Authority**

The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices disrupt the educational program of the Intermediate Unit or school or constitute a health or safety hazard.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

The Board directs compliance with Board policy and law prohibiting discrimination, including but not limited to protections addressing:[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

1. Protective hairstyles, including but not limited to hairstyles such as locs, braids, twists, coils, Bantu knots, afros and extensions.
2. Religious creed including head covering and hairstyles historically associated with religious creeds.

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.[\[2\]](#)

The Board directs staff to support students experiencing educational instability by waiving penalties related to a delay in compliance with Board policy or school rules related to dress and grooming.[\[5\]](#)

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The building administrator and/or program supervisor shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming, and to enforce Board policy and Intermediate Unit and school rules governing student dress and grooming.

The Executive Director or designee shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.[\[2\]](#)

Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate, by example, positive attitudes and compliance with Board policy and school rules related to dress and grooming.[\[6\]](#)

**Legal**

1. 24 P.S. 1317.3

2. 22 PA Code 12.11

3. 43 P.S. 951 et seq

4. Pol. 103

5. Pol. 251

6. Pol. 325