The Hilldale Board of Education’s dress regulations for students are based on personal cleanliness and respect for others. Clothes and grooming shall be neat and reflect pride in oneself and one’s school. Students shall remember at all times that they represent their school to the community. Therefore, ordinary community standards of good taste and modesty should be observed. The following guidelines shall serve as the general dress and grooming code for the Hilldale Public Schools. Other specific rules may be established at each school site within the district.

1. Generally, students should regard neatness and cleanliness in grooming and clothing as important. Any clothing, accessory, make-up, hair style or arrangement, or decoration worn or displayed on the body that is likely to cause a substantial and material disruption of school operations is prohibited.

2. Students may not wear clothing or accessories that display symbols, pictures, lettering or numbering that is profane, vulgar, repulsive or obscene or that advertises or promotes dangerous weapons, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, low-point beer, illegal chemical substances, drug-related items, drug paraphernalia or other items or activities that are illegal for the general population or for minors.

3. Principals, in conjunction with sponsors, coaches, or other persons in charge of extracurricular activities, may regulate dress and grooming of students who participate in a particular activity if the principal reasonably believes that the student’s dress or grooming creates a hazard or may prevent, interfere with, or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

4. If a student’s dress or grooming violates the above provisions, the principal shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student declines, the principal shall notify the student’s parents or legal guardian and request that person to make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent or legal guardian refuses, the principal shall take appropriate disciplinary action.

5. Students who violate provisions of the dress code and who refuse to correct the violation may be disciplined by removal or exclusion from extracurricular activities. In extreme cases, students may be suspended from school.

6. Where a bona fide religious belief or health need of a student conflicts with the school dress code, reasonable accommodation shall be provided. Any student desiring accommodation shall notify the school principal in writing of the requested accommodation and the factual basis for the request. Approved coverings worn as part of a student’s bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy.