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To Harland A. Ladd, Commissioner of Education
Re: Personal Appearance of Pupils.

In answer to your telephoned inquiry this morning we cite:
Vol. 47, American Jurisprudence, section 171, page 425.

"Clothes or Personal Appearance of Pupils. - In accord with the general principle that school authorities may make reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct of pupils under their control, school authorities may prescribe the kind of dress to be worn by students or make reasonable regulations as to their personal appearance. Thus, so long as students are under the control of school authorities they may be required to wear a designated uniform or may be forbidden to use face powder or cosmetics or to wear transparent hosiery, low-necked dresses, or any style of clothing tending toward immodesty in dress."

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