

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 33**

**LONG HAIR POLICY**

It is necessary to safeguard students with excessively long hair and/or beards working as any school within the district. In order to achieve this, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. Students with long head hair or facial hair of any length, working in a location which presents hair-catching or fire hazard shall wear suitable covering which completely covers the hair; i.e.: hair net, cap, hard hat (with long hair enclosed) in order to prevent entanglement in machinery, or the possibility of catching fire.
2. Hair length that reaches below what would be the location of the top of a regular or normal collar of a regular or normal sport shirt (see diagram at end of policy), or is styled in a manner as to create a safety hazard (as determined by the building Principal) for the individual, shall be considered unsafe. Specifically:
  - a. Beards and hair shall be covered during cutting and welding operations.
  - b. Beards and head hair shall be contained and/or covered when the individual is operating any type of power machinery.
  - c. No person shall be allowed to wear any type of respirator when any hair prevents a perfect seal.
3. No students shall be allowed to work in an environment where his/her facial hair or head hair could cause injury, unless the hair is properly secured.

Approved by the Board of Directors  
November 1, 1993  
See Minutes # 645