

# Youngsters in School Shed Beatnik Styles

PROVINCETOWN, Mass.

(AP) — Teenagers have returned to junior and senior high school scrubbed and neat to comply with a ban on sandals, skirts above the knee, "wild hairdos" and general sloppiness.

Provincetown, on the tip of Cape Cod, attracts thousands of tourists each summer of all types including the beatniks, and beatnik dress and behavior was beginning to rub off on the hometown teenagers, school officials said.

Before school opened, they published a code of dress and behavior in a local newspaper. Thursday, School Superintendent Arthur Malchman said "the boys and girls really looked nice — there were even some sport coats and ties."

The code, in part, for boys:

**NO ESOTERIC** haircuts (excessive length);

**SHIRTS MUST** be tucked in;

**NO SANDALS;**  
**SPORT OR** suit coats or sweaters with a shirt and tie required except during September and June;

For the girls:  
**HEMLINES** not above the knee;

**NO EXCESSIVE** makeup;  
**NO TEASED** hairstyles;  
**NO HAIR** dye;

**NO ESOTERIC** earrings (those that hang down several inches below the ear).

Malchman said the ideas behind the code are self-discipline and pride. "If the pupil takes pride in himself, he'll take pride in his school and in his studies," he said.

Principal George Leyden told the students when school opened the code will be strictly enforced.

"Let no one fight this, let no one fight this, because you're going to fight a losing battle," he said.

He said the school commit-

tee believes the code is needed to "encourage as much as possible a happy and normal development."

He told the girls, "Often when you sit down the short dress creeps up — not a very happy teaching situation."

Malchman said the students reacted well to the code. "I think it's going over without any hitches." Most of the parents reacted favorably going over without any hitches." Most of the parents reacted favorably also, he said, but there was some opposition.

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