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While lingering in the halls of Homestead, a student may witness one boy walking past a hall monitor wearing a backwards baseball cap while a girl walks the same way with a “fashionable” knitted hat, perfectly matching her spaghetti-strap tank top.

The student most likely to be called out on his or her wardrobe choice is a complete mystery, but with a little research and student experience, this mystery becomes clear.

One major issue concerning the fashion of the student body is the ability to wear hats. Some students believe girls get away with wearing hats in school more often than boys. Mr. Steve Sukawaty, assistant principal, said, “Part of a girl’s fashion repertoire is when the hat matches her outfit. I don’t know if there is a double standard between guys and girls; it’s more of a fashion rule.”

Winter Ference, sophomore, also agrees with Mr. Sukawaty. “I don't really see girls wearing hats that much, but I wear them all the time. Teachers and hall monitors will tell me to take them off just like they do with guys,” Ference said.

Laura Rolfs, sophomore, believes “the hat rule depends on the teacher because most of my teachers don’t care if you wear hats, but a few still do.”

Ference’s opinion is backed up by her first-hand experience with the “no hats allowed” policy. “I’ve gotten my hat taken away before. I think it's disrespectful when hall monitors just choose to pull it off your head instead of asking nicely to take it off. Also, I was wearing my hat before school, so technically they have no right to do that.”

Everson Mayerstein, junior, on the other hand, has seen girls get away with wearing hats. “Yes, I do believe girls have an exception. I have seen where a hall monitor, instead of taking a

girl's hat, actually compliments the girl, and lets her walk away. Never have I seen her do that for a guy," Mayerstein said.

Some students believe the hat policy should be adjusted. "I think the only time hats should be allowed is during lunch. It's a common courtesy not to wear hats inside a building, but lunch is our only free time, so we should be able to wear them then," Ference said.

Additionally, a clothing policy concern of girls is not being able to wear spaghetti straps. Ference was told to put a sweatshirt over her tank top even though it wasn't even a spaghetti strap. "I don't even think the spaghetti strap rule should matter," Ference added.

Another policy that has been brought to light is the concern about boy's "sagging pants," in comparison with girl's tight yoga pants. Mr. Sukawaty said, "I recognize the argument. I just think given other very important issues, it less important to worry about what kind of yoga pants are being worn and if guys boxers are hanging out of their pants." Mayerstein added, "Pant sagging is ridiculous. Tight yoga pants are perfectly fine with me."