

# **Hanford ESD**

## **Administrative Regulation**

### **Dress And Grooming**

AR 5132

#### **Students**

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Board of Trustees policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

#### General Guidelines

School officials may prohibit any apparel, accessory, hairstyle or cosmetic, even if not specifically mentioned in this regulation, that:

1. Creates a safety concern
2. Draws undue attention to the wearer
3. Detracts from the learning process
4. Causes disturbances among other students
5. Is considered gang related

Dress and Grooming Regulations are in effect during all times at school, on the way to school, on the way home from school, and at any school function or activity regardless of location. Each administrator reserves the right to determine and enforce appropriate dress at school and at school-sponsored events.

All clothing shall be neat, clean, and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for school.

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Closures must be properly secured and have a closed toe and heel. Thongs or backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable. Military style boots, steel toes, cleats, slippers, shoes with rollers, and high heels are prohibited.
2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive; shall not bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions or

likenesses; shall not promote violence, illegal activity, or relate to gang affiliation or activity; and shall not advocate racial, religious or sexual orientation prejudice.

3. Clothing and accessories that can be used as a weapon shall be prohibited.
4. Earrings must be small and worn in ears. Body piercing is prohibited (eyebrows, nose, lips, tongue, etc.)
5. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed.
6. Hair that causes undue attention to the wearer or is a distraction is not acceptable; i.e., unusual designs, colors, symbols, messages, Mohawks, or "tails" or unusual razor cuts.
7. Belts must be worn through belt loops and may not hang down.
8. Hats, caps, visors and other head coverings shall not be worn indoors. Head bands and sweat bands are prohibited except if participating in sports events. Bandannas and "do-rags" are also prohibited for all students. Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. Acceptable sun protective headgear is a hat with a 2 inch brim all the way around. (Education Code 35183.5)
9. Clothes shall be worn as intended and be sufficient to conceal undergarments, which shall be worn and covered at all times.
10. See-through clothing, clothing that reveals a bare midriff or chest, or clothes that expose the body in a sexually suggestive manner shall not be worn.
11. Extreme fashion that draws undue attention to the student will not be allowed. This includes exotic clothing, exotic jewelry, extreme make-up, body piercing, visible tattoos etc.
12. Articles of clothing which display gang symbols, profanity, or products or slogans promoting tobacco, alcohol, drugs or sex; materially interfere with school work; create disorder or disrupt the educational process are not allowed.
13. Physical education clothing may not be worn in classes other than physical education
14. Any clothing or apparel that a student or group of students wear to identify themselves for the purpose of harassing, threatening, or intimidating others will not be allowed.
15. Students who participate in nationally recognized youth organizations shall be allowed to wear organization uniforms to school on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting.

Additional clothing requirements:

1. Tops must be worn tucked in and stay tucked in;

2. Bottoms must fit properly (no sagging or bagging)
3. Pants must be hemmed at least one inch above the ground (not stapled, taped, pinned, rubber bands, or elastic around bottom of pant leg) and no higher than ankles;
4. Dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts, and jumpers may not be more than four inches above the knee;
5. Shorts are to be hemmed and not form fitting
6. Outer garments must be no more than one size too large or one size too small.

Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

The principal, staff, students and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

#### Gang-Related Apparel

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school safety plan shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 35294.1) (See BP/AR 5136 - Gangs)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester at Superintendent's Cabinet and updated whenever related information is received.

#### Uniforms

In schools where a schoolwide uniform is required, the principal, staff and parents/guardians of the individual school shall jointly select the specific uniform to be worn. (Education Code 35183)

At least six months before a school uniform policy is implemented, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this policy. (Education Code 35183)

Parents/guardians shall also be informed of their right to have their child exempted.

The principal or designee shall also repeat this notification at the end of the school year so that parents/guardians are reminded before school clothes are likely to be purchased.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria for determining student eligibility for financial assistance when purchasing uniforms.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a method for recycling or exchanging uniforms as students grow out of them.

Students who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization shall be allowed to wear organization uniforms on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35183)

#### Discipline Consequences for violation of Dress and Grooming Code Regulations

First violation: Parent/guardian contact.

Student may be sent home to change

Second violation: Parent/guardian contact.

Student may be sent home to change;

Level A Citation issued for willful disobedience

Third violation: Parent/guardian contact.

Level B Citation for Defiance of Authority

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