

Dress Code:

Washington School will be implementing a new dress code policy, which will be strictly adhered to for the 2007-2008 school year. This decision was based on input from parents and teachers.

The KCUSD Board of Education acknowledges the right of students and parents to make decisions regarding dress and grooming and recognizes that any apparel which draws undue attention to the wearer tends to detract from the educational process will therefore be deemed inappropriate and prohibited.

Administrators/designees at school sites will make decisions where there are questions about the appropriateness of clothing. The school administrator(s) will determine the nature of gang dress and paraphernalia in continual consultation with local authorities. All gang-related symbols, colors or insignias and any clothing reflecting gang affiliation are prohibited.

Apparel

- Item 1. All clothing shall be neat and acceptable in repair and appearance, sufficient to be worn within the bounds of decency, modesty, and good taste appropriate for school. Clothing shall conceal undergarments at all times. No spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, strapless tops or tank tops with less than a 1-inch strap, or tube tops are allowed.
- Item 2. Miniskirts, culottes, and shorts must be at least mid-thigh, standing or sitting.
- Item 3. Appropriate footwear is required at all times. Due to the nature of our playground and fields and student activities, shoes or heels with over a 2-inch platform are not to be worn by students. Beach-type thongs are not allowed. Sandal-type shoes must have a strap around the heel or ankle. Also no shoes with wheels are to be worn at any time on campus.
- Item 4. Crude or vulgar printing, slander, slogans, symbols, designs, jewelry or pictures depicting drugs or are symbols for drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or sexual suggestions or any clothing reflecting gang-type affiliation is prohibited.

- Item 5. Hats, caps or other types of head coverings may not be worn on campus unless they are for health reasons verified by a physician. Sun protective apparel (head covering) is currently under discussion and a decision as to what is acceptable will be made.
- Item 6. Pants are to be worn above the hip and may not be larger than 2 inches wider than the waist size. Overalls must have both straps secured. Oversize clothing and oversized and/or sagged pants are prohibited.
- Item 7. Articles of clothing, clothing styles, shoes or jewelry, which present a hazard to health and safety of the students or to others in the school, are not acceptable.
- Item 8. Sunglasses are prohibited in grades K-5, except for health reasons as verified by a physician.
- Item 9. Fashions that draw undue attention to the wearer and/or detract from the educational environment are not acceptable. This includes exotic clothing, extreme make-up, tattoos, body piercing, military or camouflage attire, etc.

Grooming

- Item 1. Hair should be neat and clean. Haircuts or hairstyles, which feature unusual or extreme design and are disruptive to the educational setting, are not acceptable.
- Item 2. Due to safety and health concerns, tongue piercing, eyebrow piercing, cheek piercing, chin piercing, or any other body part is not allowed.

Amended Dress Code 08-09

Dress and Grooming

Kings Canyon Unified School District is an exemplary district. The primary function of the KCUSD standard dress attire policy is to establish a safe and secure learning environment that reflects positive student choice. The district standard dress attire policy will be enforced consistently and fairly on school campuses and at school sponsored functions.

Schools are responsible for notifying students and parents/guardians in a timely manner of established site standards.

Educationally Appropriate Dress and Grooming

Any apparel, hair style, cosmetic or jewelry, even if not specifically mentioned below, which creates a safety concern, draws undue attention to the wearer, or tends to detract from the educational process is prohibited unless addressed elsewhere in this regulation.

1. **Headwear:** District approved headwear must be worn outside only. Any student entering a room or building must remove the headwear prior to entering. Only district approved hats will be allowed at school, unless a doctor's note is provided.
 - a. Hats must be khaki or white cloth type, with a 2" brim that encircles the entire hat. The hat must be free of any insignias or markings except for the individual's name written inside in one inch block letters.
 - b. A parent/guardian may elect to purchase a hat from a source other than the school/district. However, the hat must be preapproved by the site administrator prior to the wearing of the hat by the student.
 - c. During after school activities open to the public, only headwear that is not gang related may be worn.
 - d. Knit caps are allowed during cold and/or inclement weather.
2. **Sunglasses:** Sunglasses are not to be worn unless prescribed by a physician or authorized by the principal for special events.
3. **Shoes:** Shoes must be worn on campus and at school functions by all students. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to wear flip flops, shoes or sandals without heel straps.
4. **Undergarments:** Top garments shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.
5. **Pants:** Excessively baggy pants are not allowed. Pants may not extend beyond 5 inches (5") when measured at the kneecap of the straightened leg. Pants must fit and be worn no lower than 2 inches (2") below the natural waist. No frayed clothing is acceptable (manufactured or otherwise).
6. **Shirts/Blouses:** Shirts and blouses must have finished edges and be no longer than the top of the inseam. Tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, off the shoulder blouses, bare midriffs, see through, or oversized shirts that present a safety concern or draw undue attention are not acceptable.
7. **Hem Lines:** All dresses, skirts, shorts, and pants must have a finished hem. Shorts must have at least a 4 inch (4") inseam. Skirts and dresses may be no shorter than 4 inches (4") above the knee.

8. **Dangerous Attire:** Attire which may be used as a weapon may not be worn, including but not limited to steel toed boots, chains, items with spikes or studs, and other items deemed inappropriate by the principal and/or school site council.
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12. **Gang Related Apparel:** Gang related apparel is not acceptable. The district will collaborate with Law Enforcement Agencies to update changes in gang-related apparel as necessary. 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.
13. **Jackets:** Jackets and other apparel depicting professional sports teams shall not be worn.

Exceptions to Regulations

Generally, these neutral dress and grooming rules will be applied to all students. Religious beliefs and/or medical requirements may be grounds for an exception to a specific portion of the KCUSD Dress Code with specific advance approval from the District. A petition for an exemption from enforcement of a specified portion of KCUSD Dress Code should be submitted to the Principal.

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Clothing with Writing, Symbols, Pictures and Insignia

Articles of clothing, jewelry or personal effects (back packs, fanny packs, binders, gym bags, buttons, water bottles, etc.) are not allowed if those items contain writing, symbols, pictures, or insignia that:

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5. Are obscene, libelous, or slanderous

2. That parents be given written and telephone notice of suspension within 24 hours.
3. That parents or guardians respond to the school's request for a conference without delay, as per state law.
4. That parents be informed that suspensions may be referred to the superintendent or his designee.
5. That a student may not be suspended for more than five consecutive days for any one incident.
6. That no pupil shall be suspended for more than 20 days in one school year.
7. That suspended students be allowed to complete and receive credit for all assignments and tests missed during the suspension which can reasonably be provided by the teacher.
8. That suspended students must remain under parental supervision and are not to be on any school campus or attend school activities for the duration of the suspension.

Expulsion (Education Code 48915)

Expulsion is the removal from enrollment in a school or the district as ordered by the governing board. Expulsion may be ordered by the board when other means of corrections have repeatedly failed to result in acceptable conduct or if the continued presence of the student causes danger to the safety of others. Pupils may be expelled only for those reasons for which they also may be suspended. State law provides for full due process and rights to appeal any order of expulsion.

Student Dress and Grooming AR 6132

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6. Create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts, violation of school regulations, or injury to students, staff, or community
7. Violate state hate-crime laws