

Student Dress Code

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The Board recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school. Student appearance is expected to be acceptable for a PK-12 educational environment.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to change into appropriate clothing, or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately. In this case, there shall be no further penalty.

If the student cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, the student shall be given a warning and an administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians. Students who violate this policy in a continuing or flagrant manner may also be recommended for disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy.

Examples of Acceptable and Unacceptable Items

1. Clothing should be worn as designed and should cover private parts of the body. Clothing that inappropriately bares or exposes private parts of a body is unacceptable school attire.
2. Clothing or other accessories that conceal a student's identity inside the building are unacceptable (i.e. sunglasses and hats) unless medically necessary.
3. Clothes, paraphernalia, jewelry, body adornments, or belongings that contain advertisements, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that are sexually suggestive; gang-, drug-, weapon- or alcohol-related; obscene, profane, promote hate, or are disruptive or potentially disruptive to the learning environment are unacceptable school attire.
4. Clothing must cover undergarments. Clothing that is worn in such a manner as to expose undergarments (i.e. boxer shorts, bras, underwear) is unacceptable school attire.
5. Acceptable footwear is to be worn at all times (i.e. no slippers or bare feet).

Exceptions

Appropriate athletic clothing may be worn in physical education classes. Clothing normally worn when participating in school-sponsored extracurricular or sports activities (such as cheerleading uniforms and the like) or special attire outlined for school spirit days may be worn to school when approved by school administration.

School administrators may make an exception for hats.

Building principals, in conjunction with the school accountability committee, may develop and adopt school-specific dress codes that are consistent with this policy.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(J) (*board's duty to adopt student dress code*)

CROSS REFS.: IMDB, Flag Displays
JBB*, Sexual Harassment
JIC, Student Conduct
JICDA, Code of Conduct
JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students
JICI, Weapons in School
JK, Student Discipline
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students

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