

**Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District**

STUDENTS

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

Douglas County School District is an educational institution with the mission of preparing students for the world of work. Personal appearance and dress are the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student. Within the instructional setting students will be required to adhere to the specified guidelines established by the Administration. The Administration reserves the right to determine whether a student's attire and appearance are appropriate and do not disrupt the educational environment for other students.

In the interest of the health, safety, cleanliness, and welfare of all students in Douglas County schools, and in an attempt to provide guidance to staff members who need to enforce appropriate dress and grooming that meets these guidelines and is not a distraction to the learning environment, the Administration has developed the following standards:

1. The dress and or grooming of students must not present potential health or safety problems. Clothing should fit so that it does not create a health or safety issues.
2. Clothing must cover the body from above the chest/breasts to below the buttocks, including when moving, sitting, squatting or bending over and should cover all undergarments. This includes all private/intimate parts of the body, to include the midriff.
 - (a) Shirts that expose the shoulders, tank tops, and thin or "spaghetti" straps that adhere to the other provisions of this dress code are allowed.
 - (b) Undergarments shall not be intentionally exposed (e.g., bras, boxer shorts).
 - (c) Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be an appropriate length, covering the buttocks including when moving or bending over.
 - (d) Pants/bottoms with rips, tears, or mesh are acceptable but shall not reveal or expose a private/intimate part of the body nor cause a safety concern (e.g., a tripping hazard because of the hem of the pant leg drags on the floor).
3. Sunglasses may be worn indoors if there is a medical reason for indoor use.
4. Hats, hoodies, or other headwear may not be worn inside school buildings during the school day other than for a valid medical, safety, or religious reason.
5. Clothing shall not display unprotected speech including but not limited to: obscene, vulgar, depiction of violence, profane language or illustrations; and nothing that promotes an illegal activity, including underage drinking, illegal drug use or underage use of marijuana, domestic abuse, gang membership, battery, assault, or any other

civil or criminal conduct which would violate state or federal law. Also prohibited are apparel, jewelry, accessories, notebooks, or any manner of grooming which because of its color, the way it is worn, its trademark, or any other characteristic, carries known gang connotations or can be used as a weapon. This includes, but is not limited to, chains, spikes, pins, or needles.

6. Commonly acceptable standards such as cleanliness and the wearing of underclothing and footwear are required at all times.
7. The safety of students requires that when a student is working around potentially hazardous equipment, his or her hair must be short or appropriately covered.

Violation of this regulation could result in progressive discipline as determined by the site administrator.

[See Policy related to this Administrative Regulation](#)

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