

Students

DRESS AND GROOMING

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 policy and administrative regulations. Dress standards shall be regularly reviewed and revised when appropriate. Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about dress and grooming standards at the beginning of the school year and whenever these standards are revised. Students and parents/guardians will be notified of any changes through written means such as school bulletins and parent/guardian newsletters.

General Rules: The district prohibits any manner of apparel, shoes, accessories or appearance likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or a material interference with, the educational process, student health or safety, or campus order. All students are expected to comply with the district dress code and regulations and site-specific dress and grooming standards enacted by each individual school site. Students cannot opt out of these mandatory dress standards. A student who violates these standards shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Students and parents/guardians share primary responsibility for student compliance with the dress code. School personnel shall be responsible for enforcing the dress code when students are on campus, at school functions, extracurricular activities or other special school activities.

1. Student clothing, accessories, shoes and personal items (jackets, headgear, backpacks, handbags, fanny packs, gym bags, notebooks, water bottles, etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which display crude, vulgar, obscene and/or sexual content, profanity, or drug-related, alcohol-related, or tobacco-related content, advertising or symbols, or which advocate racial or ethnic prejudice, death or violence, or which contain gang-related symbols or insignia.

2. Gang-related attire is strictly prohibited, as defined below and by the specific dress code established at each individual school site.

3. Clothing must not be revealing.

- a. No short shorts. Inseam must measure 6 inches long.

h. Jeans or pants that cannot be raised to the natural waist when fastened are not permitted.

5. Belts must be threaded through all belt loops.

a. No belt ends hanging down from the buckle.

b. No spiked or studded belts.

c. No chain belts or wallet chains.

6. Shoes must be worn at all times and must meet safety standards. They must be close-toed and have a strap across the back.

a. No sandals.

b. No slippers.

c. No platform soles.

d. No combat-style boots.

e. No untied or unfastened shoes or boots.

7. Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats and caps, for outdoor use during the school day, but must be removed when entering buildings. (Education Code 35183.5).

a. Bandanas, triangle scarves, beanies and hair nets are prohibited and shall not constitute "sun-protective" clothing.

b. Headgear used for sun-protective purposes is subject to all dress code regulations regarding prohibited content.

8. Accessories and jewelry that may cause injury, pose a safety hazard, or substantially disrupt or materially interfere with student safety or instruction are prohibited. This can include, but is not limited to:

a. Long dangling earrings, nose rings, hoops.

b. Long and thick chains/necklaces.

c. Spiked jewelry.

prohibited at each school site.

Enforcement of Dress Code Policy

Students are expected to comply with the district and local school dress codes on a daily basis. A student who violates the dress code may not remain at school or at a school function unless the violation is corrected. School administration shall have discretion to determine how a violation can be corrected, which can include, but is not limited to, requiring students to: (a) turn the clothing inside out, or (b) removing the accessory. Parents/Guardians may also be called to bring a change of clothing. Repeated violations will constitute defiance and will be subject to progressive discipline, including, but not limited to, detention and suspension.

No student shall be considered noncompliant with the dress code policy in the following instances: (a) when noncompliance derives from financial hardship; or (b) when the student wears clothing, buttons, badges, armbands, or other accouterment aimed at exercising the right to freedom of expression as provided in Education Code 44907, including the expression of ideological or political points of view.

Student free speech rights shall not include the wearing of clothing, buttons, armbands or other accouterment that signify or are related to gangs, gang membership or gang activity as provided by Education Code 35183, or are obscene, libelous or slanderous, or so incite students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises, or which result in the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.

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