

## 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.

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:

1. On the first offense, the student shall be given a written warning and an administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians and will be allowed back to class when appropriate clothing is obtained.
2. On the second offense, the student shall remain in the administrative office for the day and do schoolwork and a conference with parents/guardians shall be held. The timeout of class for the second offense will be considered an excused absence.
3. On the third offense, the student may be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.

During times of a pandemic or when virus transition is high, students will comply with state, local, and school district directives for wearing masks or face coverings. Not following directives will be treated as a dress code violation with appropriate discipline actions as outlined by policy. Students that cannot medically tolerate a mask must provide medical documentation to building administration.

### Unacceptable Items

The following items are deemed disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school and are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds, or at school activities:

1. Sunglasses and/or hats worn inside the building
2. Inappropriately sheer, tight or low-cut clothing (e.g., midribs, halter tops, tank tops shorter than mid length, and straps narrower than 1.5 inch, backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar material, muscle tops, etc.) that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts

3. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
- Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
  - Are of a sexual nature
  - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior
  - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
  - Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
  - Promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct
  - Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process

### Exceptions

Appropriate athletic clothing may be worn in physical education classes. Clothing normally worn when participating in school-sponsored extra curricular or sports activities (such as cheerleading uniforms and the like) may be worn to school when approved by the sponsor or coach. Appropriate clothing that represents local community groups (example) 4-H shooting team or awards.

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

Adopted: November 26, 2996  
Revised: July 25, 2000  
Revised: July 18, 2002  
Revised: November 27, 2007  
Revised: August 28, 2012  
Revised: September 10, 2013  
Revised: August 27, 2019  
Revised: August 10, 2020

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(J)(boards 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