

Davis School District Halloween Guidelines

If students want to come to school in costume to celebrate Halloween, costumes must meet the following guidelines:

Be respectful: Avoid stereotypes. Be racially sensitive and culturally appropriate. Students may not dress up as an ethnic or cultural group (i.e., a Mexican, a Geisha, a Native American, etc.). Skin color must not be altered in any way.

Be responsible: Recognize that students in a wide age range will see the costumes. Costumes should be family friendly. Masks may not be worn. Costumes may not be gory or threatening. No make-up is allowed.

Teachers, staff, and administration must be aware of their surroundings regarding costumes, what students are saying & carrying (signs, weapons, etc.).

Prior to Halloween celebrations, clearly communicate to teachers, staff, students, and parents what is and what is not allowed.

On the day of the celebration, the teacher must know what costume each student is wearing.

Be safe: No hand-held accessories real or pretend (i.e., wands or weapons) are allowed. Crowns or hats may be worn.

Be kind: Costumes should be fun and exciting, not political, or offensive.

Be Understanding: Students may dress up as fictional characters if they follow the above guidelines.

Be Timely: All celebrations should be limited in time and held at the beginning or end of the school day.

Note: *Every year in the State Title VI/Indian Education meeting, it is discussed that dressing up as Pocahontas or other Native American Leaders is inappropriate. Culture is not a costume. In respect to the Native American view, please advise students to refrain from dressing up as Native Americans (i.e., Pocahontas, Sacagawea, Sitting Bull, etc.).*