

Series 5000 – Students

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TITLE: Dress and Grooming	
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In cooperation with teachers, students, and parents/guardians, the principal or designee may establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

The following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Clothing, jewelry, and personal items shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which is vulgar, lewd, obscene, profane, or sexually suggestive or which promotes the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other illegal activity.
2. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times.
3. Hats, caps, and other head coverings shall not be worn indoors.
4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments. See-through tops and bare abdomens are prohibited.

The dress code shall be modified as appropriate to accommodate a student's religious or cultural observance, health condition, or other circumstance deemed necessary by the principal or designee. In addition, the principal or designee may impose dress requirements to accommodate the needs of special school activities, physical education classes, athletic activities, and other extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

Students shall be allowed to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

Gang-Related Apparel

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff, and parents/guardians participating in the development of the

school safety plan shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received. As necessary, the school shall collaborate with law enforcement agencies to update definitions of gang-related apparel.

Management Resources

Court Decision

Description

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District, (1969) 393 U.S. 503

Court Decision

Marvin H. Jeglin et al v. San Jacinto Unified School District et al, (C.D. Cal. 1993) 827 F.Supp. 1459

Court Decision

Jacobs v. Clark County School District, (2008) 26 F. 3d 419

Court Decision

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, (1988) 108 S. Ct. 562

Court Decision

Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Court Decision

Harper v. Poway Unified School District, (2006) 445 App. 3d 166

Court Decision

Arcadia Unified School District v. California Department of Education, (1992) 2 Cal. 4th 251

State

Description

Ed. Code 212.1

Nondiscrimination based on race or ethnicity

Ed. Code 220

Prohibition of discrimination

Ed. Code 32282

School safety plans

Ed. Code 35183

School dress code; uniforms

Ed. Code 35183.5

Sun-protective clothing

Ed. Code 48907

Students' exercise of free expression; rules and regulations

Ed. Code 49066

Grades; effect of physical education class apparel

Cross References

Code

Description

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