

Staff are responsible for creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for students at all times during instructional and co-curricular programs.

Hair, Eye and Apparel Safety

Eye injury and loss of sight can be prevented most effectively by the implementation of a carefully planned eye safety program.

Injury resulting from students wearing neck pieces such as ties, beads and other dangling apparel; long, loose sleeves, wrist bands, finger rings and long hair below the earlobes can be prevented most effectively by the implementation of a carefully planned safety program. To assure a safe environment, the following procedures shall be in effect.

A program of hair, eye and apparel safety shall be planned, implemented and maintained by designated staff to satisfactorily meet safety requirements. The principal shall support staff in their efforts to implement the following hair, eye and apparel protection procedures for students enrolled in art, home economics, physical education and industrial arts classes and athletics and/or co-curricular programs at the middle and high school levels.

Hair Safety

Hair which, in the judgment of staff, may become entangled in moving parts of objects shall be secured while a student is working in areas where such objects are located. Hair must be tightly secured to the head to prevent any strands from falling loose about the face, head or shoulders. Hair may be secured by such acceptable methods as hair pins, nets, hair bands, braids or stocking caps. Hair must be held securely in place throughout the class period or duration of the activity.

Students who fail to comply with hair safety rules shall not be allowed to attend class or participate in the activity.

Eye Safety

Students shall be required to wear approved appropriate eye safety devices (clear goggles, welding goggles, welding hoods, eye glasses, face shields) while working or observing in designated eye safety areas, or while operating machines or performing hazardous tasks such as pouring molten metal in the foundry area or pounding hot metal on an anvil in the forge area.

Eye safety areas shall be clearly designated with two-inch wide yellow lines painted on the floor.

All stationary machines shall be located in eye safety areas.

Portable power machines shall be operated in eye safety areas.

Apparel Safety

Wearing apparel such as ties, beads, loose sleeves, loose coats, sweaters, jackets, wrist bracelets and/or finger rings shall be handled as follows:

Students shall be required to roll up loose sleeves, remove jackets or sweaters, remove neckties, beads or other dangling bodily adornments while working in eye safety areas or while preparing stationary or portable power machinery.

Staff, together with the support of the principal, are responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the above safety regulations.

Eye and hair safety protective devices (which comply with the U.S. Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection, 287.1, 1968 or later revisions) shall be furnished and maintained by the District and loaned without cost to staff and students.

Staff shall analyze the potential eye and other bodily hazards involved in activities for which they are responsible and explain to students the need for the type of eye protection specified in the work.

Staff shall make all reasonable efforts to assure that those persons, whether visitors, students, faculty or others wear proper eye and hair protection when entering a specified eye safety area where potentially dangerous activities are taking place.

Students in physical education classes are encouraged to purchase recommended apparel. All "nonstandard" apparel shall be free of those potential hazards as identified by staff. Students in athletics and/or co-curricular activities will wear the regulation uniforms according to established rules of the particular sport or activity and the applicable goals and/or objectives.

Eye and other bodily injuries should be treated by authorized medical personnel. In cases where immediate or emergency action is necessary to prevent further damage to an injured eye, such action shall be taken by staff on duty prior to obtaining professional medical assistance. A written report should be completed for each such injury.

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