

Colton Joint Unified School District Regulation 5132: Dress and Grooming

The purpose of the student dress and grooming regulations is to establish a positive academic environment and safe school culture. A student may not remain at school or at school activities dressed in a manner which (1) creates a safety hazard for said student or for other students, (2) constitutes a serious or unnecessary distraction to the learning process, (3) tends to disrupt the campus order, or (4) is in conflict with the district's goals and philosophy of the prevention of substance abuse and gang activity.

Parents/guardians have the primary responsibility to see that students are properly attired for school. School personnel have the responsibility for maintaining proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning by enforcing district policy. At the Principal's discretion, school personnel are to enforce all guidelines relating to the following regulations. These guidelines shall be in effect at all school-related activities except where modified by the site administrator for specific extra-curricular activities or specific cases.

In case of questionable dress and/or grooming not covered by the guidelines, the site administrator and/or law enforcement personnel will determine the appropriateness and make the final decision.

1. Headwear that does not obscure the face (except as a religious observance, medical or health/safety-related guidelines, including health and safety facial coverings) is allowed outside. Headwear will be allowed indoors at the staff member's discretion or based on religious practice.
2. Clothing, hats, accessories, body art, and/or personal items shall be free of writing, pictures, or other insignia/logos which are crude, vulgar, profane, sexually suggestive, contain nudity and/or which depicts weapons, drugs, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions, or likeness.
3. Any clothing or accessory that is deemed a safety hazard to the wearer or others is not allowed.
4. Clothing shall be sufficient enough to conceal undergarments/underwear at all times. All shirts, tops, dresses must have at least one strap to secure it over the shoulder or neck. Undergarments and swimwear are not allowed as outerwear. The administration may limit gang affiliated clothing or apparel in consultation with law enforcement or district personnel.

High school and middle school: bare abdomen/midriff of no more than 2 inches above and/or below the navel is acceptable.

For elementary only: bare abdomens/midribs are not allowed.

5. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. **For elementary only:** flip-flops or backless shoes are not acceptable and sandals must have heel straps.
6. Glasses, other than prescription, shall not be worn inside school buildings if they cause a disruption.
7. Student identification badges will be supplied by each middle school and high school. While on campus during the school day students must have their own ID badges in their possession and readily available to show when a district staff member requests a student to identify themselves by their ID badge. The badge must be clearly visible (not to be covered by pins, stickers, etc.).

Each school will develop their own ID badge replacement policy; however, a minimal charge will be assessed each time a replacement is issued. This policy will be published and made known to parents/guardians and students through their handbook or other means of communication. The students who have financial difficulty will be offered alternatives to this charge.

8. Students participating in student activities, performances, or athletic events would be exempt during these activities.

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Progressive Intervention

Students and parents have the primary responsibility for dress and grooming. The school district and individual schools are responsible for ensuring that a student's dress and grooming does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, and does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating learning environment.

No academic grade of a student shall be adversely affected based on non-compliance with the dress code, except Physical Education when failure to wear appropriate apparel arises from circumstances within the student's control.

Dress code violations will be resolved quickly to reduce loss of instructional time and addressed privately with individual students. School sites will implement progressive interventions for dress code violations:

1. Warning and self-correct for dress code violation
2. Offer students a change of nondescript and/or school-specific clothing
3. Offer parent/guardian the opportunity to bring a change of clothes
4. Repeated violations may result in a parent-school conference and/or other means of correction