

Liberty Union High School District

Board Policy

Classification: Students

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Subject: Dress and Grooming

The Board of Trustees believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board of Trustees expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students have the right to make individual choices from a wide range of clothing and grooming styles, but the choices must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process.

The principal, staff and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code that prohibits students from wearing gang-related apparel when there is evidence of a gang presence that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities. When gangs constitute a danger to students, the Superintendent or designee may restrict student dress and grooming as necessary to comply with Board of Trustees' Policy 5136 related to gang activity. Such a dress code may be included as part of the school safety plan and must be presented to the Board for approval. The Board shall approve the plan upon determining that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the school's students.

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about the school dress code at the beginning of the year and when revised. A student who violates the dress code shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. The decision concerning appropriateness of dress remains with the administration.

Legal References: Education Code

48907 Student exercise of free expression

49066 Grades; effect of physical education class apparel

Code of Regulations, Title 5

302 Pupils to be neat and clean on entering school

Hartzell v. Connell (1984) 35 Cal. Ed 899

Arcadia Unified School District v. State Department of Education,
92 Daily Journal, D.A.R. 357