

## Student Dress

The purpose of this policy is to enhance the education of Fargo Public School K-12 students by establishing expectations of dress and grooming that are related to educational goals.

### GENERAL STATEMENT

The school district is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student, and that dress code enforcement does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any protected group.

The following is expected at all times:

- Clothing with opaque fabric that covers the student's entire chest and sides of body, and undergarments must be worn.
- Pants/Jeans or the equivalent (i.e., skirt, sweatpants, leggings, dress, or shorts) long enough to cover the student's private areas must be worn.
  - Pants/Jeans or the equivalent should be secured not to reveal undergarments.
- Footwear must be worn.
- Clothing advertising or promoting the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, drug paraphernalia, guns, weapons, gang affiliation or depiction of violence may not be worn.
- Vulgar clothing of any kind may not be worn.
  - Vulgar is defined as pictures, images, words, silhouettes of individuals, or sayings that depict sexually suggestive expressions or actions, profanity, obscenity, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or which degrade the integrity of individual groups.

### PROCEDURES

When a student's attire does not adhere to the expectations above, the student will be provided one of the following options:

- Alternative clothing, if available at school in the student's possession, to be dressed according to policy for the remainder of the day.
- Parent or guardian may be contacted to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.
- Be provided with temporary school clothing, if available in an appropriate size for the student, to be dressed according to policy for the remainder of the day.

Failure to comply with this policy will result in a violation defined in AP 6310 Student Behavior, Discipline, and Reporting.

The policy and enforcement is not based on a race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, gender expression/identity, genetic information, or status with respect to marriage or public assistance, or status in any group protected by federal or state law.

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