

DRESS CODE

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The purpose of dress regulations is to help students set a standard for his/her personal appearance that is appropriate within the accepted guidelines of the Delano Joint Union High School District. Every high school student is expected to demonstrate pride in their personal appearance, because it reflects throughout Cesar E. Chavez High School on each student individually as well as collectively. Part of career planning is learning to dress appropriately for the job or for various occasions.

The Governing Board recognizes that students' mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of their personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding appearance, except choices effect **the educational program of the school, the health and safety of other students, or for certain religious practices.** It is recognized that apparel which draws undue attention to the wearer tends to detract from the educational process, and therefore, is inappropriate. Good taste and good grooming are a part of learning for students. It is a mark of maturity when students can freely choose apparel which demonstrates individuality without deviating from the standard of appropriateness.

ACCEPTABLE WEAR FOR CESAR E. CHAVEZ HIGH SCHOOL

- Shoes are to be worn at all times. All shoes/sandals need to have a heel strap for safety purposes.
- Clothes which are sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.
- Gym shorts shall only be worn in physical education classes.
- Hair which is clean and neatly groomed.
- Sweatshirts or T-shirts of a neutral color that depicts college logos may be worn if not affiliated with any gangs. The administration reserves the right to ban any apparel that can be depicted as a gang related if those items become a problem.
- Clothes that fit properly.

STUDENT DRESS OR GROOMING PRACTICES WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or others in the school.
- Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
- Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
- Prevent a student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

UNACCEPTABLE DRESS ITEMS FOR CESAR E. CHAVEZ HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDE:

- Thongs, backless shoes, high platform shoes, or sandals without straps.
- Any clothing, jewelry and personal items, backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles, etc., which contain writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, profane or sexually suggestive, bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
- Hats, hair-nets, or other head coverings.
- See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs and skirts or short shorts, spaghetti straps, shirts with inappropriate names, and muscles shirts due to the distractions they cause. Shorts, skorts, and culottes must cover the underwear when sitting, standing, or bending. In addition, the length can be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Hair which is sprayed by any coloring that would drip when wet.
- An attire which advocates, advertises, denotes, possesses a danger to any student, or is recognized as affiliated with a gang. This may include any of the following apparel such as jackets, jerseys, T-shirts, etc.
- **Clothing that is not worn as it was traditionally intended (shirts should fit appropriately or be tucked into the pants or skirts).** Shirts worn on the outside may not exceed below the normal pocket line. All clothing should be appropriately sized to avoid concealed beepers, weapons, phones, etc. The top of pants must be worn around the waist and belts need to be secured in the belt loops. Pants and shorts must fit at the waist, hips, crotch, and thighs.
- No Bagging . . . No Sagging.
- Sunglasses which are worn indoors.
- Attire that can be used as a weapon, such as steel toed shoes, or boots, rings or items that have spikes or studs, and wallet chains.
- **Any jewelry which is visible that pierces any body parts other than the ears.**

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ALSO APPLIES TO THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE:

- Coaches and teachers, with administrative approval, may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs for certain sports and/or classes.
- No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected due to the fact that a student does not wear standardized physical education apparel when the failure to wear such clothing arises from circumstances beyond the students control. (EC 49066-c)
- The administration reserves the right to ban any apparel that can be depicted as gang related if those items become a problem

Exceptions to the dress code may be made for special days or special events with administrative approval being secured (in writing) prior to the activity. The dress code shall be in effect at all school-related activities with the exception of hats at outdoor games.

Consequences:

Violators may be sent home and lost time will have to be made up. Penalties may range from a warning to a recommendation for transfer to an alternative education program.

DRESS CODE VIOLATION SWEEPS: Random dress code violation sweeps will be conducted in order to address violations of the dress code on the Cesar E. Chavez High School campus. Any student found to violate the dress code may be subject to any of the following: 1) Parent contact, 2) Detention, 3) Saturday School, 4) Behavior contract, 5) In-House Retention, and 6) Out-of-school suspension. Repeat offenders will be subject to more severe consequences.