

## Tenaya Middle School DRESS CODE POLICY 2025-2026

**Tenaya Middle School has adopted the following Dress Code Policy in accordance with FUSD BP 5132; it will be strictly enforced at school and for all school-related activities, both on and off campus. Tenaya Middle School students will be required to dress and appear in a manner that supports the school's learning environment and safety.**

### Student Identification

Every Tenaya student must wear their valid Tenaya student I.D. on a lanyard. A free one is given to them upon the start of each school year, or on their entry to Tenaya. The I.D. must be worn during the duration of the school day and at all school-related functions other than P.E. (if dressed out) and at dances, once checked in.

### General Apparel

- All students are encouraged to dress in a manner that is appropriate, comfortable, and conducive to an active academic school day.
- Students should be able to wear clothing without fear of body shaming or unnecessary discipline.
- The student dress code should serve to support all students to develop a body-positive self-image.
- The district standard dress and appearance policy is gender neutral and applies to all students equally regardless of gender on school campuses and at school-sponsored functions and will be enforced consistently and fairly by all members of the school staff.

**Dress Code:** Any clothing, hair style, or accessory even if not specifically mentioned below, which creates a safety concern, draws undue attention to the wearer, or tends to detract from the educational process is prohibited.

1. Attributes: Clothing that depicts death, displays profanity, products or slogans that promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or sex or are deemed obscene, libelous, slanderous, promote violence, or violate state hate crime laws are not allowed.
2. Size: Clothes should fit appropriately, no oversized clothing. Pants and shorts should fit at the waist, no sagging or bagging pants, including PE clothes.
3. Specific clothing items:
  - a. Pants, Shorts, & Skirts: Must be long enough that the entire thighs or buttocks are not exposed, and undergarments are not visible.
  - b. Physical Education (PE) clothes: Students should not wear their PE clothes outside of PE classes. Students are provided with time to clean up and change at the end of each PE class period.
  - c. Shirts & sweaters, etc.: No clothing where the torso is exposed, i.e., tube tops, half shirts, halters; clothing should be opaque (not see through). Spaghetti straps, shirts where the side is exposed, muscle shirts or off the shoulder tops are not allowed, nor is clothing where undergarments are exposed.
  - d. Sleepwear: no house attire which includes, but is not limited to, pajamas, slippers, blankets, etc.
4. Accessories:
  - a. Jewelry & other accessories: Body piercings in the mouth or tongue are not allowed. *Nose piercings must be removed or covered during P.E. and other active events, for safety.* Students should not have accessories that can pose an inherent safety risk (e.g. chains, belts with spikes, etc.)
  - b. Footwear: Shoes must be worn at all school functions and students **will need athletic shoes** for PE class, daily.

### In addition

1. Electronic devices such as cell phones, i-Pods, and smart watches *are allowed* on campus, but **they must remain off and in backpacks throughout the school day**. In case of an emergency, a student may use the office phone. For non-emergency use, students may use the school phone during break times or lunch times. Headphones are not allowed to be worn and should not be visible.
2. The use of skateboards/skates/roller blades/scooters is prohibited on the school grounds.
3. Students are not permitted to bring sprays and perfumes, including spray deodorant, even for P.E. However, students may bring stick deodorant, which is strongly encouraged. **FUSD BR 6/12/19 A-4** ADOPT Resolution to Encourage a Fragrance-Free Environment, approved.

Due to the frequency of changing styles in clothing, Tenaya reserves the right to adjust the dress code as needed. The dress code will be reviewed periodically by staff, parents, students, and the School Site Council. Exceptions to the above may be made by the principal for special days or special events. Additionally, exceptions to the dress code for medical or religious reasons should be directed to the principal. Questions regarding the dress code should be directed to the administration.