

**DRESS AND GROOMING**

The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming by district employees contribute to a productive learning environment and model positive behavior. During school hours and at school activities, employees shall maintain professional standards of dress and grooming that demonstrate their high regard for education, present an image consistent with their job responsibilities and assignment, and do not endanger the health or safety of employees or students. All employees shall be held to the same standards unless their assignment provides for modified dress as approved by their supervisor.

The district shall allow employees to appear and dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression. (Government Code 12949)

The district shall not discriminate against employees based on hair texture and protective hairstyles, including, but not limited to, braids, locks, and twists. (Government Code 12926)

The district shall not dismiss an employee, discriminate against an employee in compensation or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or refuse to hire a job applicant on the basis of religious dress or grooming practices. (Government Code 12926, 12940)

This policy shall be presented to employees annually, through the employee handbook or other appropriate means, and may be periodically reviewed with all employees as necessary.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

**EDUCATION CODE**

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COURT DECISIONS:

San Mateo City School District v. PERB (1983) 33 Cal. 3d 850

Domico v. Rapides Parish School Board (5th Cir. 1982) 675 F.2d 100

East Hartford Education Assn. v. Board of Education (2d Cir. 1977) 562 F. 2d 838

Finot v. Pasadena Board of Education (1967) 250 Cal.App.2d 189

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD DECISIONS

Santa Ana Unified School District (1998) 22 PERC P29, 136

Inglewood Unified School District (1985) 10 PERC P17, 000

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING  
PUBLICATIONS

Transgender Rights in the Workplace

WEB SITES

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>

Public Employment Relations Board: <http://www.perb.ca.gov>