DRESS AND GROOMING

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Board policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

Sun Protective Clothing

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

Each school site shall allow for outdoor use during the school day, articles of sun-protective clothing, including, but not limited to, hats, provided that sun-protective clothing does not otherwise violate this regulation. Each school site may set a policy related to the type of sun-protective clothing, including, but not limited to, hats, that pupils will be allowed to use outdoors, if that policy is stricter than this regulation. Specific clothing and hats determined by the school district or school site to be gang-related or inappropriate apparel may be prohibited by the school site's dress code policy.

Educationally Appropriate Dress and Grooming

Any apparel, hair style, cosmetic or jewelry, 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 unless addressed elsewhere in this regulation. In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times, on campus and at school functions. Sandals must have heel straps. Thongs or backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable.

2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are gang-related, crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear reference to violence, drug, alcohol or tobacco promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or

religious prejudice.

3. Head wear, other than hats or caps, will not be allowed at school except for religious purposes. Hats and/or caps must be removed in the classrooms or offices and worn in the appropriate manner.

4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs are prohibited.

5. No gang colors or gang attire will be worn. This may include red, blue or identified gang related colors. This shall be determined annually in partnership with local law enforcement. These items may include apparel with sport team logos and/or emblems.

6. Appropriately sized clothing will be worn. Skin-tight apparel, excessively baggy apparel, short shorts (skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh), mini skirts, and oversized shirts are not allowed

7. Attire which may be used as a weapon may not be worn, including but not limited to steel toed boots, chains, items with spikes or studs, and other items deeded inappropriate by the principal.

8. Hair styles which draw undue attention detract from the educational environment and therefore it may request to change or cover that particular cause of distraction (i.e. unusual designs, colors, Mohawks, tails, or unusual razor cuts.)

9. Administrative exceptions may be made in regard to grooming and dress. These exceptions, verified by the administrator, shall include (but will not be limited to):

a. Sincerely held religious beliefs.

b. Valid medical reasons.

Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.
No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely

affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

The principal, staff, students and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

Clothing with Writing, Symbols, Pictures and Insignia

Articles of clothing, jewelry or personal effects (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, buttons, water bottles etc.) are not allowed if those items contain writing, symbols, pictures or insignia that:

1. Display gang-related symbols;

2. Use profanity;

3. Display products or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs or sex;

4. Substantially disrupt the educational process;

5. Are obscene, libelous or slanderous;

6. Create a clear and present danger of commission of unlawful acts, violation of school regulations, or injury to students, staff or community;

7. Violate state hate-crime laws.

With regard to this section, individual school site personnel do not have the discretion to create stricter dress and grooming standards at the school site without approval and consultation with the Principal/designee.

Gang-Related Apparel

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or

school activities, the principal, staff and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school safety plan shall annually define "gang-related apparel" in consultation with local law enforcement and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once a year and updated whenever related information is received.

Consequences of Dress and Grooming Code Violations

1. Standard Violations. Persistent violations of this regulation or locally adopted supplemental regulations shall be considered to be willful defiance of directives under Education Code 48900(k). As such for multiple violations, students will be subject to discipline as follows:

a. First Violation: Home contact and the violator will be required to change clothing, hair style or cosmetic.

b. Second Violation: Home contact and alternative to suspension or suspension if student refuses alternative.

c. Third Violation: Home contact and suspension.

d. Fourth Violation: Further disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion, is the discretion of the district as permitted by state law and/or district policy/regulation.

If a parent/guardian or student disagrees with the site administrator's decision on a standard violation, the parent/guardian or student shall attempt to resolve the problem by requesting a personal conference with the site administrator. If the problem cannot be resolved informally to the parent/guardian or student's satisfaction, the site administrator's decision may be appealed to the Superintendent's designee, whose decision shall be final.

2. Dangerous or Disruptive Violations. Dress and grooming violations that cause actual disruption of the educational environment, result in actual violation of law or other school rules, including hate-crime laws, or cause actual injury may result, is the discretion of the district administration, in more serious disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion without regard to the steps set forth above for standard violations.

The process for appeal of these dangerous or disruptive violations shall be consistent with standard district disciplinary procedures.

1. Principal Options. Principals have discretion to disallow the wearing of all shorts school-wide because of frequent student violations of this regulation.

Uniforms

In schools where a schoolwide uniform is required, the principal, staff and parents/guardians of the individual school shall jointly select the specific uniform to be worn. (Education Code 35183)

At least six months before a school uniform policy is implemented, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this policy. (Education Code 35183)

Parents/guardians shall also be informed of their right to have their child exempted.

The principal or designee shall also repeat this notification at the end of the school year so that parents/guardians are reminded before school clothes are likely to be purchased.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria for determining student eligibility for financial assistance when purchasing uniforms.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a method for recycling or exchanging uniforms as students grow out of them.

Students who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization shall be allowed to wear organization uniforms on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting.

(Education Code 35183)

State	Description
Ed. Code 212.1	Nondiscrimination based on race or ethnicity
Ed. Code 220	Prohibition of discrimination
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5	School safety plans
Ed. Code 35183	School dress code; uniforms
Ed. Code 35183.5	Sun-protective clothing
Ed. Code 48907	Exercise of free expression; time, place, and manner rules and regulations