

Students

Student Dress

The Board of Trustees provides an educational atmosphere conducive to learning while minimizing disruptions and/or distractions; to protect the health, safety, and morals of our students.

Matters of dress remain primarily the responsibility of students, in consultation with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s). All students are required to adhere to the standards of dress when the student is on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location.

Students are not to wear or carry items of apparel which depict or allude to: alcohol and tobacco; controlled substances; drug paraphernalia; gangs; violence; sexually explicit and pornographic images; or illegal acts. The wearing, using, or displaying of evidence supporting membership or affiliation with any gang is prohibited on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity.

The wearing of head coverings are inappropriate during the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, and Veteran's Day Assembly.

The standards for dress code must be adhered to in order to provide minimal disruptions and distractions. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- ALL clothing must be of sufficient length and coverage to allow for participation in all school activities, including bending, sitting, and walking, without over exposure, excessive exposure, or indecent exposure.
- Undergarments shall not be visible.
- Tube tops or strapless tops are not allowed.
- Shirts or tops must fully cover student's undergarments, chest, back, and midriff area.
- Leg coverings (jeans, pants, etc.) must be worn at the waistline.
- Shoes should be worn at all times.
- Flags shall not be worn as capes.
- Costumes and costume-like attire are not permitted during the school day unless permitted by the building principal for a spirit day or other planned, school-sponsored activity.
- Sunglasses are not permitted in a classroom unless required for a documented medical need or approved accommodation.
- Hooded garments are permitted; however, wearing the 'hood' portion of the garment is not permitted during class time.

Cheerleading, sports, and other school directed uniforms are allowed to be worn at school, for spirit days, pep rallies, approved school functions, events, and other district sponsored activities.

Interpretation and Implementation of Policy

All staff shall use reasonable judgment while enforcing this policy. Staff may defer interpretation and implementation of the provisions of this policy to the building principal. If a conflict arises, the interpretation of the building principal shall be final.

In the event there are concerns regarding the application of this policy, those concerns should be addressed through the Uniform Grievance Policy 4120.

Enforcement

Violations should be addressed discreetly by staff. Teachers and administrators may deny class entrance to students dressed or otherwise adorned inappropriately until arrangements may be made for their dress to be in compliance with this policy. Students should be given the opportunity to correct the issue without missing substantial class time. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be notified when a student is in violation of this policy and no remedy is available. Students who are insubordinate or refuse to change their improper attire, or who have three (3) dress code violations within a school year, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Temporary Exceptions

In order to allow appropriate attire for a particular educational or school activity or event, the building principal has the authority to grant temporary exceptions to specific provisions of this policy.

Accommodations

The District will seek to accommodate cultural, religious, and ethnic differences in dress and grooming, provided such dress or grooming does not materially or substantially disrupt the educational process of the school or create a health or safety hazard for students, staff, or others.

No student shall be required to modify their natural head or facial hair, such as by shaving or straightening through the application of heat or chemicals (*See Richards v Thurston, 304 F. Supp. 449, 1969*).

Cross Reference:

Policy No. 3330 - Student Discipline

Legal References:

I.C. § 33-506 District Trustees - Organization and Government of Board of Trustees

I.C. § 33-512 District Trustees - Governance of Schools

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