San Juan Unified School District
Choices Charter School Dress Code

Students have the right to:

- Be treated fairly without discrimination (BP 5132)
- Dress comfortably for an active school day
- Feel good about their bodies and choose clothing that will not be judged or regulated

Dress Code Purpose:

- Maintain a safe learning environment where students can choose their clothing, except in classes where special clothes or shoes are needed or required, such as science (eye or body protection) or PE (athletic attire/shoes)
- Ensure students can participate in all activities with minimal dress code interruptions

Key Principles

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s). In addition, the school is responsible for supporting the health and safety of all students.

1. **Students MUST wear the following:**
   - A non-see-through shirt with straps that cover the front, back, and sides including the rib cage
   - A non-see-through bottom like a skirt, jeans, pants, leggings, dress, or shorts that cover the buttocks while sitting and standing
   - Shoes

2. **Students MAY wear, as long as these items do not violate Section 1 above:**
   - Hats, sweatshirt hoods, durags, beanies, wave caps, and religious headwear may be worn, but the face must remain visible to staff
   - Fitted pants, including leggings and yoga pants
   - Ripped jeans (as long as underwear and buttocks are not showing)
   - Tank tops, including spaghetti straps, halter tops, and midriff-baring shirts
   - Athletic attire
   - Sweatpants/Pajama bottoms
   - Visible waistbands or visible straps on undergarments
   - Sun-protective clothing like hats for outdoor use during school
   - Clothing with brand logos, sports team logos, or images is allowed as long as it doesn’t violate section 3 below

3. **Students CANNOT wear clothing, jewelry, or personal items that:**
   - Depict items with violent images or language

- Display items with images or language about drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or illegal activities
- Display profanity, pornography, or promote illegal or violent conduct
- Promote hate groups or target specific groups based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual identity
- Display or promote hate speech:
    - Hate speech is any form of expression where people try to insult, humiliate, or encourage hatred against a group of people based on their race, religion, skin color, sexual identity, gender identity, ethnicity, disability, or national origin)
- Are swimsuits, except when worn for PE or sports
- Could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon
- Cover the face (unless for religious, cultural, or medical reasons)
- Show gang affiliation

Special Events: All special events guidelines (such as dances, sporting events, senior events, graduations, spirit days, field trips, etc.) will be updated to match this dress code.

Addressing Dress Code Non-Compliance
If a student does not follow this code, consequences can include parent/guardian contact, a meeting, or being told to cover up, change, or remove the clothing that breaks the rules. The principal or their designee will notify a student's parent/guardian about the school's response to dress code violations.

If a student is non-compliant with the dress code, the following can occur:

1. The loss of class time will be kept to a minimum and students will receive a non-verbal dress code slip to go to the office to address the non-compliance.
2. The non-verbal slip is used to preserve student dignity and avoid public shaming.
3. Students will be asked to choose one of the below options:
    - Put on their own alternative clothing if already available at school
    - Turn the garment inside out
    - Put on a sweatshirt or jacket zipped up
    - Voluntarily wear temporary school clothing for either the remainder of the day or until alternate clothing can be dropped off.
    - Call parents/guardians to bring alternative clothing.
        - If parents/guardians are called, students will return to class using one of the temporary alternative options above until their replacement garments arrive.

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 section 49066)

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Yes

Tops: cover the front, back, and sides under the arms, covering the rib cage

Bottoms: pants, jeans, sweatpants, shorts, skirts, dresses, leggings, fitted pants, ripped jeans

Headwear: any headwear that does not cover the face



No

- Hate
- Discrimination
- Illegal Activity
- Profanity
- Violence
- Drugs or alcohol
- Threats

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