

Student Dress and Grooming Procedures

This administrative regulation specifies standards that promote a positive and safe learning environment for students. Annual notice of this regulation shall be provided to students, parents, and staff in student handbooks. In addition, each school site council shall regularly review these standards. District and school dress and grooming codes shall be enforced on the school campus and at any school-sponsored activity. Appropriate dress for special events will be communicated to parents and students by the school. Exceptions to the dress and grooming code may be made by the administration for special days, special events, or activities.

Standards:

1. To ensure adequate coverage of the body at school and school activities, the following articles of clothing are not permitted:
 - a. See-through garments.
 - b. Backless or strap-less dresses or tops, including halter-tops or any tops that expose cleavage. Bare-midriff tops. (Tops and bottoms must touch when student is standing.)
 - c. Muscle shirts or sleeveless undershirts that expose the torso.
 - d. Shorts, skirts, pants, and tops that fail to conceal undergarments when the student is standing or sitting.
 - e. Shorts, skirts, or dresses that are shorter than finger-length when arms are held at sides, or that expose undergarments when standing or sitting. These articles must provide full coverage of the body at all times.
 - f. Clothing that is tight or revealing.
 - g. Face or body piercings that are distracting.
2. Shoes shall be worn at all times. Shoes that interfere with safe play and instructional activities are inappropriate.
3. Clothing, accessories, and jewelry shall be free of writing, pictures, symbols, or any other insignia that are crude, vulgar, profane, obscene, libelous, slanderous, or sexually suggestive. Clothing, accessories, or jewelry that degrade any cultural, religious or ethnic values, that advocate racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice or discrimination, or that promote sex, the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol or any unlawful acts are prohibited.
4. Hats, caps, and other head coverings shall not be worn at elementary and middle schools. On the high school campus, the wearing of hats indoors is left to the discretion of the administration and teaching staff.

5. Dark glasses shall not be worn indoors, except for valid medical reasons authorized by the principal or administration and verified in writing by a physician.
6. Gang-related clothing or accessories, including but not limited to bandanas, or other symbols, emblems, or insignias are prohibited. School officials shall use information obtained from community resources and the local gang task force to make judgments on what items and accessories are gang-related.
7. Tattoos on any part of the body must be covered if they are gang-related or violate any of the provisions of this dress and grooming code.
8. Items of clothing or accessories with spikes, safety pins, or chains, including wallet chains, are prohibited. Clothing or any attachments to clothing that could be considered weapons are not allowed.
9. Sleepwear may not be worn.
10. Clothing must not have excessive rips or tears.
11. Excessive sagging or baggy pants are not to be worn. Undergarments may not be exposed.
13. Students wearing clothing, accessories, or hair style or hair color that causes disruption to the school environment or inhibits school safety will be asked to change or modify such. The school administrator will determine if a disruption or safety concern exists.

The final determination of what constitutes appropriate dress shall be made by the school administration.

School Site Councils shall review fashion trends regularly to determine if they are inappropriate for school as defined by this Dress and Grooming Code. Parents and students will be notified following such determinations.

Students, with the support of their parents, have the responsibility to cooperate fully with district clothing standards. Students who violate the dress and grooming codes or disrupt the educational process due to their appearance will be asked to change their clothing. Students may be offered alternative clothing from the school, may change to appropriate items they have with them, or may be sent home to change. Parents will be contacted to review the district's dress and grooming codes. Students who refuse to comply with this action will result in suspension as determined by the Code of Conduct.