

DRESS AND GROOMING

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

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

~~In addition,~~ The following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. *Clothing, jewelry, and personal items shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which is vulgar, lewd, obscene, profane, or sexually suggestive or which promotes the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other illegal activity.*

~~2.~~ *Appropriate* Shoes must be worn at all times.

~~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 crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.~~

3. Hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn indoors.

4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments ~~at all times~~. See-through ~~or fishnet fabrics,~~ halter tops, ~~off the shoulder or low-cut tops,~~ and bare ~~midriffs~~ *abdomens* and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.

~~5. Gym shorts may not be worn in classes other than physical education.~~

~~6. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be sprayed by any coloring that would drip when wet.~~

~~Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.~~

The dress code shall be modified as appropriate to accommodate a student's religious or cultural observance, health condition, or other circumstance deemed necessary by the principal or designee. In addition, the principal or designee may impose dress requirements to accommodate the needs of special school activities, physical education classes, athletic activities, and other extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

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.

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~~The principal, staff, students and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress codes.~~

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 define "gang-related apparel" 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.

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received. *As necessary, the school shall collaborate with law enforcement agencies to update definitions of gang-related apparel.*

Uniforms

In schools ~~where~~ *that require* a school-wide uniform ~~is required~~, the principal, staff and parents/guardians of the ~~individual~~ school shall jointly select the specific uniform to be worn.

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

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.

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