

PUPIL DRESS - ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 5155

- I. These regulations specify standards of student dress that promote a positive and safe learning environment conducive to high academic and behavior standards. Each school site council or other school committee shall regularly review the following regulations and may establish additional school rules governing student dress, so long as such rules are not contrary to this regulation.

- II. The following district and school dress codes shall be enforced during the school day. Alternative programs may implement differentiated standards for # 5.
 1. Any apparel, jewelry, grooming, or accessories, even if not specifically mentioned below, which creates a safety or health concern, or causes or threatens to cause a disruption to the educational process is prohibited.
 2. Pupils must dress appropriately for educational activities in which they will participate so as not to endanger their health, safety, or welfare, or that of others.
 3. Footwear is required at all times and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity.
 4. Clothing, grooming, accessories, and jewelry shall be free of writing, pictures, symbols or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, obscene, libelous, slanderous, or sexually suggestive. Clothing, grooming, accessories, or jewelry that degrades any sexual orientation, males or females, nationalities or cultural, religious or ethnic values are prohibited. Clothing, grooming, accessories, or jewelry that advocate racial, ethnic, sexual orientation or religious prejudice or discrimination, or promote sex, the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol or any unlawful acts, are prohibited.
 5. Hats, caps, and other head coverings shall not be worn in classrooms, except for valid religious or medical reasons authorized by the administration and verified in writing by a physician.
 6. Dark glasses shall not be worn indoors, except for valid medical reasons authorized by the administration and verified in writing by a physician.
 7. All articles must be of sufficient length and looseness for appropriate body coverage in positions of standing, walking, running, sitting, leaning, and "arms up", so as not to be revealing. Clothes, apparel or attire must be sufficient to conceal undergarments, the breasts, midriffs, buttocks, and torso at all times. Clothing, apparel or attire that fails to provide adequate coverage of the body, including but not limited to, see-through or fishnet fabrics, clothes that reveal any part of the midriff or torso, tube tops, backless or strapless tops, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops or dresses, tops that have shoulder straps that are less than one

and one half inches wide, skirts shorter than or with slits higher than the length of a person's finger tips when the arms are extended naturally at the side and shorts shorter than thumbs length when the arms are extended naturally at the side, sagging pants (Pants must be worn above the buttocks), and tattered or torn clothing that may cause a safety issue or do not meet the standards of decency, are prohibited.

8. Any clothing, apparel or attire which could be used as a weapon, or could be damaging to school property, included, but not limited to, steel-toed boots, chains, items with spikes or studs, etc., is prohibited.
9. Gang-related apparel is prohibited, including, but not limited to, bandannas, or other symbols, emblems, or insignia.
10. Pupils shall not display any material which so incites others as to create a danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school grounds and at any school-sponsored activity, disrupts the school process or violates district or school site policies or rules.
11. Clothing, grooming, accessories, or jewelry which have been altered by the addition of lettering or symbols and fall within the definition of part 8 above, are prohibited. Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, patches, jewelry, and notebooks must not display or promote 1) racial, ethnic, or sexual orientation slurs/symbols, (2) gang affiliations, (3) vulgar, subversive, or sexually suggestive words or images; or (4) products which students may not legally buy; such as alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.

III. Exceptions For Special Activities

Exceptions may be made by the principal particularly for special days, special events, or student activities outside the school day. Students will be expected to uphold the standards of safety and decency at all school events.

IV. Enforcement of the District Dress Code Regulation

1. Any violation of the district or school dress code(s) will be considered a violation of Education Code section 48900 (k)--disruption of school activities and/or willful defiance of valid school personnel authority.
2. Administrators will notify all students of the dress code regulation expectations at the start of every school year.
3. The following possible consequences will follow any infraction of the district dress code regulation

- a) Change of clothing with parent notification
 - b) Change of clothing with detention assigned & parent notification
 - c) Change of clothing with Saturday school assigned and parent notification
 - d) Student suspension
4. Final determination of what constitutes appropriate dress will be made by the school administration.

Legal Reference:

Education Code

35183, 35291.5, 35294.1, 48900, 48907, 48950, 51264, 51265,

Cal. Code of Regulations

Title 5, section 302

Penal Code

186.22, 13826-13826.7

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Education Code 35183. (a) The Legislature finds and declares each of the following:...

(2) "Gang-related apparel" is hazardous to the health and safety of the school environment.

Education Code 32282 (F) The provisions of any schoolwide dress code, pursuant to Section 35183, that prohibits pupils from wearing "gang-related apparel," if the school has adopted such a dress code. For those purposes, the comprehensive school safety plan shall define "gang-related apparel." The definition shall be limited to apparel that, if worn or displayed on a school campus, reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment. Any schoolwide dress code established pursuant to this section and Section 35183 shall be enforced on the school campus and at any school-sponsored activity by the principal of the school or the person designated by the principal. For the purposes of this paragraph, "gang-related apparel" shall not be considered a protected form of speech pursuant to Section 48950.

Education Code 48907. Students of the public schools shall have the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions, the wearing of buttons, badges, and other insignia, and the right of expression in official publications, whether or not such publications or other means of expression are supported financially by the school or by use of school facilities, except that expression shall be prohibited which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous. Also prohibited shall be material which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.