

STUDENT DRESS

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish 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.

Student dress guidelines exist for reasons of safety and decency. Clothing and the manner in which it is worn shall be sufficient to prevent distractions and disruptions to the educational process.

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

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

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Site administrators may determine specific prohibitions for unsafe footwear. (For example, flip-flops, backless shoes, or sandals are not acceptable at the elementary or middle school levels.)
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, and head gear worn outdoors must be school affiliated and/or approved by school administration.
4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics; halter tops; spaghetti straps; off-the-shoulder, strapless or low-cut tops; bare midriffs; and distracting, revealing, and/or inappropriately short skirts or shorts are prohibited. Pants must fit and be worn near the waist and in a manner that conceals undergarments.
5. Clothing (gloves, bandannas, shoes, shoestrings, wristbands, jewelry, etc.) and the manner in which it is worn shall not indicate any relationship to a formal/informal gang/group that could be associated with causing harm to self on and/or off campus. Clothing shall not provoke others to act violently, incite or intimidate others by fear of violence.
6. Except as directed by administration, school gym shorts may not be worn in classes other than physical education.
7. Hair shall be clean and groomed in a manner that is not deemed distracting or disruptive by administration.

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

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.

The principal, staff, students and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

If a dress violation is observed, the principal or designee shall confer with the student.

If it is determined that a violation exists, the student shall be asked to remove the clothing, jewelry, or other prohibited items. The items shall be retained until the end of the school day or another appropriate time. At such time, the items shall be returned to the student and the student shall be directed not to wear, or return to school with the items in the future. If removal of the clothing may prove embarrassing to the student, the principal or designee may provide alternate clothing to be worn to complete the day; call parents to bring new appropriate clothing; or direct the student to return home to change the clothing. Prior to sending a student home, the student's parent/guardian shall be notified.

Any student who repeatedly violates the dress code, or refuses to follow administrator direction regarding the dress code, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

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.