

Student Dress

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to encourage school pride and unity, and thereby help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The Board recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to comply with this policy and the school's individual standards by changing into appropriate clothing (or making arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately), to remove the paraphernalia, or modify the appearance of their hair. If the student takes such actions to be in compliance, there shall be no further penalty for that offense.

If the student cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, on the first offense, the student shall be given a written or verbal warning and an administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians. The student may be held out of class or classes at the discretion of the administrator. On the second offense, the student shall remain in the administrative areas of the school for the day to do schoolwork and a conference with parents/guardians should be held prior to the student's return to class or classes to clarify the District and school's expectations with respect to dress and appearance. Missed classes due to a second dress code offense will be considered similar to a suspension with regard to the student making up missed school work. On the third offense, the student may be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action outlined in the school discipline code.

Violations of Student Dress Code

The following items are deemed disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school and are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds/property, or at school activities:

1. Any clothing or accessory that presents a reasonable threat or hazard to the safety of others in a school environment, e.g., sharp jewelry, some chains, etc.
2. Sunglasses and/or hats worn over the eyes inside the building.
3. Clothing that bares or exposes traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts.
4. Students are required to wear appropriate footwear to ensure the safety and health of the student and others while on District property.

5. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
- Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
 - Are of sexual nature
 - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students
 - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
 - Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
 - Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process
 - May be considered harassment or offensive to an individual in any manner

Exceptions and Additions

Appropriate athletic clothing may be worn in physical education classes. Certain school uniforms, e.g., athletic uniforms, cheerleading uniforms, band uniforms, etc., approved by the principal may be exempted from the policy.

Building principals may develop and adopt school-specific dress codes containing additional or specific criteria for student dress provided that such school standards are consistent with this policy. In addition, principals may identify certain events or occasions for which the dress code may be suspended or modified, e.g., pep assemblies, prom, spirit days, and attendance at after school events, etc.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2) (a) (IX), Board's duty to adopt student dress code

CROSS REFS.: IMDB, Flag Displays
JBB, Sexual Harassment
JIC, Student Conduct
JICDA, Code of Conduct
JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity
JICH, Substance Abuse by Students
JICI, Weapons in School
JK, Student Discipline
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students
JLI, Student Safety

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