

Dress and Grooming

Students shall report for school in clothing appropriate for the learning environment. This clothing shall insure against indecent exposure as defined by current laws and court decisions. Swimsuits are not deemed appropriate wear for the classroom. Shoes are mandatory for the prevention of accidents or injury. Unacceptable clothing also includes items that advocate violence; are sexually suggestive; disparage any race, ethnic group, or sexual orientation; or promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any likely to cause a substantial disruption to the educational program.

Students may not wear any clothing that is suggestive of gangs or be dressed predominantly in colors associated with gangs. Bandanas, hair nets, headgear, or any items perceived to be associated with gangs are not permitted.

Additional dress requirements may be set by laboratory, shop and physical education instructors if such requirements are required to protect the health or safety of students.

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about dress and grooming standards at the beginning of the school year and whenever these standards are revised. A student who violates these standards shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Students desiring to participate in extra-curricular sports or other activities shall be subject to special dress standards as may be set by personnel in charge of such sports or activities.

Students who fail to meet the above standards or who evidence poor personal hygiene may be required to change clothes at school or remove inappropriate clothing, or they may be sent home, subject to readmission upon meeting dress and hygiene standards. When practical, students shall not be directed to correct a dress code violation during instructional time or in front of other students.

Students shall not be prohibited from dressing in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression or with their religious or cultural beliefs. In addition, the dress code shall not discriminate against students based on hair texture and protective hairstyles, including, but not limited to, braids, locks, and twists.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
212.1 Nondiscrimination based on race or ethnicity
220 Nondiscrimination
35183 School dress codes; uniforms
32281 School safety plans
48907 Student exercise of free expression
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
302 Pupils to be neat and clean on entering school

Policy

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