

Student Dress Code

District-wide standards on student attire are intended to 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 or the school's individual standards shall be required to change into appropriate clothing, make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately, and/or to remove the paraphernalia, or modify the appearance of his or her hair. If the student complies, 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 schoolwork. On the third offense, the student may be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy concerning suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.

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, 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. 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 or controlled substances, 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

Students are required to wear appropriate footwear to ensure the safety and health of the student and others while on district property.

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, in conjunction with the school accountability committees, 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.