

STUDENT DRESS

The student and parent/guardian may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards. Administrators may regulate a student's dress and grooming when they reasonably believe that it:

1. Implies gang membership or affiliation;
2. Is related to hate groups or hate speech;
3. Will create a health or safety hazard. Hats/hoods, if worn, must still allow for the student to be identifiable;
4. Will damage school property;
5. Will create a material and substantial disruption of the educational process; or
6. Contains messages on clothing that are inconsistent with the educational mission of the school district, including those that are:
 - a. Alcohol related;
 - b. Drug related;
 - c. Lewd in nature;
 - d. Sexual in nature; or
 - e. Tobacco related.

In addition to #1-6 above, students must wear the following:

- a. Tops that cover private areas with non-transparent (opaque) material. This also includes the midsection of the torso, front and back.
- b. Bottoms that cover private areas, including the buttocks, with non-transparent (opaque) material.
- c. Footwear appropriate for the given activity.

Staff will use reasonable efforts to avoid applying this policy in a way that singles out or embarrasses a student in front of other students.

Periodic training for administrators will be provided to support consistent implementation. Administrators are required to ensure that all staff are aware of and understand the guidelines of this policy and procedure.

The administrator, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity if the administrator reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming:

1. Creates a hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others; or
2. Will prevent, interfere-with or adversely affects the purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the administrator will request that the student make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the administrator will notify the parent, if reasonably possible, and request that the parent make the necessary corrections. Students may be subject to corrective action, if circumstances so warrant. Students who violate provisions of the dress code relating to extracurricular activities may be removed or excluded from the extracurricular activity for such period as the administrator may determine. All students will be accorded appropriate due process safeguards before any corrective action may be taken.

Students identified as being gang involved, influenced or affiliated will be provided assistance and/or programs which discourage gang involvement or affiliation, enhance self-esteem, encourage interest and participation in school or other positive activities and promote membership in authorized school organizations.

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