

Students

Dress and Grooming

The Board of Trustees believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction that would interfere with the educational process.

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. Copies of the District's Dress Code will be distributed and available to parents and students. (AR 5132)

The Board of Trustees recognizes that specific cases will be a judgment area of the principal of the school. Details and specific rules that apply shall be an administrative decision.

Clothing worn should correspond with the demands and attributes of the activity in which students participate.

Footwear standards are concerned with prevention of accidents and injury. Shoes shall be worn at all times except under specific conditions. Students must also consider physical education requirements in their selection of shoes. Open footwear such as flip-flops, sandals or open-toed shoes that do not have a back strap, slippers, or soft-soled shoes are unacceptable.

The principal, staff, students, and parents/guardians of each school may establish reasonable regulations regarding students who voluntarily engage in extracurricular or other special school activities. These supplemental regulations shall apply only during the length of the activity involved.

Students are expected to attend school in clean, neat clothing. It is the mission of the school district not only to provide academic education but also provide education in morals, manners, dress and grooming because these are elements of good citizenship. Research has shown that student dress and appearance affect student attitudes and conduct. These guidelines are intended to define "appropriate student attire" and personal grooming. Their purpose is to prevent disruption of the classroom atmosphere, enhance classroom decorum, eliminate disturbances along other students in attendance and minimize distraction of other students so as not to interfere with the educational process. It is also intended to help protect the health and welfare of the individual student.

All students should abide by the District Dress Code and any special school regulations. (AR 5132)

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Gang-Related Apparel

The principal, staff and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code that prohibits students from wearing gang-related apparel when there is evidence of a gang presence that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities.

Uniforms

In order to promote student safety and discourage theft, peer rivalry and/or gang activity, the principal, staff and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code requiring students to wear uniforms. Such a dress code must be presented to the Board for approval. The Board shall approve the Code upon determining that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the school's students.

If a school's plan to require uniforms is adopted, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures whereby parents/guardians may choose to have their children exempted from the school uniform policy. Students shall not be penalized academically, otherwise discriminated against or denied attendance to school if their parents/guardians so decide. (Education Code 35183)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that resources are identified to assist economically disadvantaged students in obtaining uniforms.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32281 School safety plans

35183 School dress codes; uniforms

35183.5 Sun-protective clothing

48907 Student exercise of free expression

49066 Grades; effect of physical education class apparel

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

302 Pupils to be neat and clean on entering school

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