

DRESS AND GROOMING

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations. The Board expects students to wear clothing that is suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students shall not wear clothing that represents a health or safety hazard or causes a substantial distraction to the educational program. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

The following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Clothing, jewelry, baseball/sports caps and knit caps/beanies, and personal items shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are vulgar, lewd, obscene, profane, or sexually suggestive or which promotes the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other illegal activity.
2. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have heel straps. Flip-flops, backless shoes, and slippers are not acceptable.
3. Baseball/sports caps and knit caps/beanies may be worn indoors but sweatshirt hoods may not be up over the head while on campus.
4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments, including but not limited to skirts and shorts. See-through tops and bare abdomens are prohibited.
5. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be sprayed by any coloring that would drip when wet.
6. For student and staff safety, spiked jewelry and waist chains will not be allowed.

The dress code shall be modified as appropriate to accommodate a student's religious or cultural observance, health condition, or other circumstance deemed necessary by the principal or designee. In addition, the principal or designee may impose dress requirements to accommodate the needs of special school activities, physical education classes, athletic activities, and other extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

Students shall be allowed to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

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Gang-Related Apparel and Racial or Ethnic Symbols

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff, and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school safety plan shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received. As necessary, the school shall collaborate with law enforcement agencies to update definitions of gang-related apparel.

Uniforms

In schools where a schoolwide uniform is required, the principal, staff, and parents/guardians of the school shall jointly select the specific uniform to be worn. (Education Code 35183)

At least six months before a school uniform policy is implemented, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this policy. (Education Code 35183)

Parents/guardians shall also be informed of their right to have their child exempted.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria for determining student eligibility for financial assistance when purchasing uniforms.

Students who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization shall be allowed to wear organization uniforms on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35183)