

## Student Dress Code

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to encourage school pride and unity, and thereby 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 shall be required to change into appropriate clothing or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately. In this case, there shall be no further penalty.

If the student cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, on the first offense, the student shall be given a written warning and an administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians. On the second offense, the student may be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.

### Unacceptable Items

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. shorts, dresses, skirts or other similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh length
2. sunglasses inside any building
3. hats in classrooms
4. inappropriately sheer, tight or low-cut clothing (e.g., midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar material, muscle tops, etc.) that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts
5. exposed underwear
6. tank tops or other similar clothing with straps narrower than 1.5 inches in width as appropriate to grade level
7. boys pants below top of hips
8. any clothing, hats, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
  - refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons depicting a violent act
  - are of a sexual nature
  - by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior
  - are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous

- threaten the safety or welfare of any person
- promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct
- otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process

### Exceptions

Appropriate athletic clothing may be worn in physical education classes. Clothing normally worn when participating in school-sponsored extracurricular or sports activities (such as cheerleading uniforms and the like) may be worn to school when approved by the sponsor or coach.

Building principals, in conjunction with the school accountability committee, may develop and adopt school-specific dress codes that are consistent with this policy.

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CROSS REFS.: [IMDB](#), Flag Displays  
[JBB\\*](#), Sexual Harassment  
[JIC](#), Student Conduct  
[JICDA](#), Code of Conduct  
[JICF](#), Secret Societies/Gang Activity  
[JICH](#), Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students  
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