

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 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.

1. Violations should be treated as minor on the continuum of school rule violations.
2. No student should be disproportionately affected by dress code enforcement because of gender, race, body size, or body maturity.
3. The dress code should be clearly conveyed and articulated to students.
4. Students should not be shamed or required to display their body in front of others (students, parents, or staff) in school. "Shaming" includes, but is not limited to, kneeling or bending over to check attire fit, measuring straps or skirt length, asking students to account for their attire in the classroom, and directing student to correct a dress code violation during instructional time.

If the student cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, on the first offense, the student shall be given a warning and an administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians.

Students May Wear:

1. Religious headwear
2. Hoodie sweatshirts (covering the head is not allowed)
3. Caps and hats in the school buildings
4. Fitted pants, including leggings, yoga pants and "skinny jeans"
5. Ripped jeans, as long as underwear is not exposed
6. Tank tops, including spaghetti straps, and halter tops
7. Athletic attire

Students Cannot Wear:

1. Visible underwear. Visible straps on undergarments worn under other clothing are not a violation.

2. Hoodie covering the head
3. Pajamas
4. Sunglasses worn inside the building
5. Shorts, dress, skirts or other similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh length
6. Any clothing, 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
- 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

Exceptions

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

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LEGAL REF.:

C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(J) (board duty to adopt student dress code)

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

JICI, Weapons in School

JK, Student Discipline

JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students