

## 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.

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 shall remain in the administrative office for the day and do schoolwork and a conference with parents/guardians shall be held. On the third 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 may be worn year around, but shorts/skirts will only be allowed which are at the top of the knee or longer.
2. Sunglasses and/or hats worn inside the building
3. 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. Torso must be covered. Dresses, shirts and tops must have a sleeve. No bra straps, including sports bras, may be showing. Clothing this is deliberately cut or torn and is revealing.
4. 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
  - Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process

5. Baggy clothing that sags, belts worn below the waistline, and/or exposes undergarments.
6. Accessories or attire associated with gang or violent activity including but not limited to spiked rings, bracelets or necklaces, neck chains, dog chokers, tattoos, wallet chains, large pins, gang colored apparel, bandanas and hair nets.

### **Exceptions**

Appropriate athletic clothing must 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.

Students in physical education classes must wear tops with sleeves, top of the knee or longer athletic shorts, and gym shoes. Physical Education students who fail to “dress out” will not be given class credit for that day.

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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  
JICI, Weapons in School  
JK, Student Discipline  
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students