

Dress and Grooming Guidelines

The District recognizes that each student's mode of dress is an expression of personal style and individual preference. Therefore, responsibility for making student dress decisions will generally rest with the students themselves and their families, except when their choices cause a health or safety concern or interfere with the educational program or school operations.

Accordingly, students are prohibited from wearing attire that: causes, or is likely to cause, a substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities; interferes with the District's educational mission or related policies; or endangers the health or safety of the student or others.

In order to assure a healthy and safe school environment for students, the following student dress code guidelines will be enforced:

- 1. No student shall be permitted to wear any clothing or jewelry that contains pictures and/or writing referring to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexual references, profanity, promotion of gambling, illegal drugs, and/or gangs. Clothing items that cause intimidation or disrupt the learning of others are prohibited. Students will not wear clothing that defames, insults, threatens, harasses, or injures any racial or cultural groups or individuals.
- 2. Special requirements may be necessary to assure safety in certain areas such as physical education, art, band, science labs, kitchens, and technology education work areas, i.e., safety glasses, aprons, hair nets, etc.

This policy applies during the school day, in school vehicles, and at school sponsored activities. The building principal will inform staff, students, and families of this policy annually and provide for the fair and consistent enforcement of the policy.

If there is a disagreement between staff and students and/or their families regarding the appropriateness of a student's attire, the principal has the authority to make this decision and determine the actions that will be taken to deal with the matter.