

SECTION 400 – STUDENTS

DRESS CODE

POLICY405

ARTICLE1 DRESS REQUIREMENTS

- A. A student dress code is established to enforce a safe and disciplined learning environment. Standards for student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The policy for student dress is to be enforced while students are at school or while students are engaged in school-sponsored activities.
- B. Students are expected to wear clothing that is clean. Dirty, torn and soiled clothing that calls attention to the student or that disrupts the learning environment is not acceptable.
- C. While a wide-range of clothing is acceptable at school, not all clothing or jewelry that is worn elsewhere is acceptable at school. The following items of dress are prohibited:
1. Brief and revealing clothing including but not limited to:
 - a. Strapless or backless tops (shirts, blouses).
 - b. Tops (shirts, blouses or tank tops) that reveal bra straps or that are cut low enough to reveal cleavage or expose the midriff.
 - c. See-through clothing;
 - d. Pants that are unfastened, cut low, sag or fit below the waist allowing undergarments to be visible. Pants must be worn above the hips.
 - e. Shorts, skirts or skorts shorter than mid-thigh length.
 - f. Pajamas of any kind.
 - g. Clothing that is ripped or torn for “style.”

These dress requirements, as listed above in Paragraph C1, do not apply to authorized sports uniforms or to dress at public events where students are spectators. Specific dress rules for school special events (e.g. dances) are to be established by the Principal.

2. Non-prescription sunglasses in classrooms except for a medical purpose verified by a doctor.
3. Clothing items, jewelry or backpacks that contain messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, profane or libelous; that denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability; that promote alcohol, drug or tobacco use or violence; that are of a sexual nature; that threaten the welfare or safety or any person; that threaten disruptive behavior; that contain pictures of weapons including, but not limited to grenades, bullets, guns, knives, hatchets, or axes; that promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct; or that are contrary to the mission of the School District.
4. Clothing items, pictures or jewelry that denote membership in gangs or may be associated with gangs, groups or societies that advocate drug use, violence or disruptive behavior. (See Policy 406, Article 2: Any apparel, jewelry, accessories, notebooks or manner of grooming which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute denotes membership in gangs that advocate drug use, violence or disruptive behavior is prohibited on school grounds, in school buildings, in school vehicles or at any school activity or sanctioned event.) Such items include, but are not limited to:
 - a. chains and “spiked” accessories.
 - b. trench coats or long coats.
 - c. bandannas worn on the head, used as a headband or hanging from a pocket or backpack. “doo-rags” or “skull” caps.

References:

C.R.S. 2232-109.1 (2)(a)(IX) Board duty to adopt student dress code

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5. Hoods worn on the head in any school building.
6. Hats worn in classrooms if deemed by the teacher or administrator to be disruptive to the educational process.

ARTICLE2 ENFORCEMENT

- A. All employees are responsible for helping students to be familiar with the dress code and understand dress code requirements and prohibitions.
- B. When a student is wearing clothing items prohibited by the code, he or she is to be informed of the violation and asked to comply (e.g. remove hat, remove chain). If it is inappropriate to remove the item or if the student does not comply, the Principal or designee shall be notified by the employee.
- C. The Principal or designee may have the student add additional clothing (e.g. sweater, jacket) for the remainder of the day or have the student contact a parent/guardian to bring alternate clothing for the student.
- D. Disciplinary actions shall be taken, as determined appropriate by the Principal, when a student continues to violate the code. Refusal of a student to comply with the dress code shall be considered to be a violation of the Conduct Code and the student shall be subject to suspension and/or possible expulsion.
- E. When a disagreement arises over the appropriateness of student dress, the Principal shall make the final decision as to whether the dress is or is not in compliance with this policy.

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