

**Dress and Grooming**

**AR 5132**

**Students**

The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment in both in-person and virtual learning environments. The Board encourages, supports, and promotes individual health and well-being of all students. In cooperation with teachers, students and parents, guardians, caregivers, foster parents, and educational rights holders, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Governing Board policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed to include both in-person and virtual learning environments.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

**Allowable Dress and Grooming**

1. Students must wear clothing which includes a shirt with pants, skirt, dress, or the equivalent
2. Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front, lower back, and on the sides
3. Clothing must cover undergarments, however waistbands and bra straps can show
4. Fabric covering all private parts must not be see through
5. Footwear must be worn at all times and must not limit student participation in school activities
6. Hats and other headwear must allow the face to be visible and not interfere with the line of sight to any student or staff (hoodies must allow the student's face and ears to be visible to staff)
7. Clothing and footwear must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop, and other activities where unique hazards exist
8. Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

**Non-allowable Dress and Grooming**

1. Clothing may not depict, advertise, or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other controlled substances
2. Clothing may not depict violence, obscenities, pornography, nudity, or sexual acts

3. Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or any other protected groups

4. Clothing and footwear must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

The principal, staff, students and parents, guardians, caregivers, foster parents, and educational rights holders at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

#### Gang-Related Apparel

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff and parents, guardians, caregivers, foster parents, and educational rights holders participating in the development of the school safety plan shall define "gang related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received.

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