

BOARD POLICY

Dress Standards, K-12

The Board of Education is legally and ethically responsible for the establishment of a classroom and campus atmosphere which creates and promotes conditions for orderly study. The requirements for students within the district to show proper attention to health, hygiene, and safety issues, as well as to the suitability of clothing and accessories for school activities are an integral part of the education experience.

The Board of Education has a responsibility to minimize harmful influence upon district schools and students by gangs or other groups advocating disruptive and violent behavior or drug and alcohol abuse.

The Board of Education believes that appropriate student dress contributes to a productive and safe learning environment. Thus, while on campus, or at any school sponsored event, students shall be dressed in a manner which does not adversely affect the instructional program nor violate reasonably acceptable standards for decency as determined by the site or program administrator. Students' clothing should not present a health or safety hazard which would interfere with the educational process, and students should wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate.

The administration is therefore directed to develop dress standards which address those obligations, as well as any other health and safety concerns, yet grant a reasonable latitude for the expression of individual taste and style. Dress standards shall reflect community trends but be tempered by restrictions on distractive, dangerous, or inappropriate extremes as judged by the school's administration. These standards shall be made a part of the administrative regulations of the district.

Ref: EC Sections 35010, 35921; CCR, Title 5, Section 302

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