

Purpose

In order to maintain a safe and respectful learning environment at all campuses, our students will attend school dressed in clothing that is appropriate to the school setting and weather conditions.

Age-Appropriate Dress and Grooming

The purpose of the dress code is to create the proper learning environment and model good citizenship. Both the student and parent share the responsibility for age-appropriate dress and grooming because the selection of clothing often sets the pattern for behavior.

With this understanding and in compliance with FNCA(LOCAL), students are required to use good judgment, to respect themselves and others, and to demonstrate modesty in selecting attire.

Distracting Dress and Grooming

The student's dress and grooming shall not lead school officials to believe that such dress and grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities. Emblems or writings that are obscene or that may reasonably be expected to cause a disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations should not be displayed on clothing. [See FNCA(LOCAL)]

Clothing advertising, condoning, depicting, or promoting the use of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances, or displaying vulgar language that detract from the learning environment shall not be worn. [See FNCF(LEGAL)]

Safety: Dress and Grooming

The student's dress and grooming shall not create a health hazard to the student's safety or the safety of others. Shoes should be worn at all times.

Examples of inappropriate dress at the elementary level shall include, but not be limited to:

Elementary Level
Inappropriate Dress

1. Improperly fitting clothing; baggy pants, oversized shirts, elongated armholes, overly tight garments, and clothes that improperly expose body parts;
2. Tops that are strapless or backless, that have spaghetti straps, or low cut necklines;
3. Shorts and skirts that are short enough to be distracting;
4. Makeup and artificial nails;
5. Gang-associated clothing or colors; and
6. Hats or caps worn inside the building (except for religious requirements).

Middle School /
High School

Examples of inappropriate dress at the middle and high school levels shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Improperly fitting clothing; baggy pants, overly tight clothes, or clothes that improperly expose body parts;
2. Halter tops, tank tops, bare midriffs, low cut necklines, strapless or backless tops, spaghetti straps, sheer or see-through clothing;
3. Skirts or shorts that are short enough to be distracting,
4. Boxer shorts or athletic shorts worn outside of physical education;
5. Undergarments, pajamas, or other clothing not designed to be worn as an outer garment;
6. Gang-associated clothing or colors; and
7. Hats or caps worn inside the building (except for religious requirements).

Procedure for Enforcement

The principal of each campus is responsible for:

1. Working with campus staff, students, and parents to establish specific behavior and dress expectations for the campus;
2. Determining and communicating strategies and methods for teaching and reinforcing dress code and other behavior expectations;
3. Determining appropriate interventions and consequences for addressing dress code violations and other misbehaviors;
4. Monitoring and reviewing office referral data regularly and adjusting behavior support and intervention strategies as needed.

Extracurricular Activities

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor, and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct. [See FO series]

Students may wear uniforms associated with approved campus extracurricular activities with the approval of the adult sponsor and principal.

Campus Options

Campuses may impose more prescriptive or standard dress code requirements, with review and approval by their campus advisory council and associate superintendent.

Campuses may require a formal uniform with review and approval by their campus advisory council and associate superintendent and approval by the Board. [See FNCA(LEGAL)]

Exceptions

Exceptions to these dress requirements are to be made as necessary to allow students to observe religious customs or beliefs and as necessary to accommodate medical or health needs.

Effective Date

This regulation is effective with the beginning of the 2004-05 school year.