

STUDENT CONDUCT
DRESS CODE

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PURPOSE	The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.
GENERAL GUIDELINES	Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others.
UNIFORMS REQUIRED	<p>The Board has determined that the use of school uniforms will improve the learning environment for District students and has adopted the use of student uniforms as specified in the rules.</p> <p>Uniforms are defined in this policy as one or more specific kinds of articles of clothing not commonly available at a variety of retail outlets that are required to be worn by students during normal school hours or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property.</p> <p>Uniforms made up of black or khaki shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, and trousers and white long- and short-sleeved blouses and shirts with collars shall be worn by all students enrolled in each District school, with the exception of the students enrolled at the Young Women's Leadership Academy and Young Men's Leadership Academy. In addition, an alternate shirt/blouse that conforms to the uniform standards may be selected by each school.</p>
UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS	<p>Uniform specifications are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Black or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, and jumpers must fit well and not be oversized or undersized. Pants and shorts must fit at the waist and must not sag.2. Uniform pants must be straight-legged and pockets must be the standard front pockets. No "baggies" or loose-fit pants are permitted. Cargo pants (with pockets on the side of the leg), overalls, bell bottoms, or wide-leg styles are not uniform pants and are not permitted.3. Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.4. No manufacturers' logos or brand names may be visible. If visible when purchased, logos or brand names must be removed.5. No visible drawstrings are allowed on pants, shorts, or skorts.6. All clothing must be hemmed. No cut-offs or rolled-up cuffs are allowed. Cuffs must be tailored and tacked/sewn at the seams.

7. Shirts must fit well and not be oversized or undersized. Shirts must have collars and may be polo-style or dress-style.
8. All shirts must be tucked in, except for those with a wide (approximately three inch) band at the bottom, which are meant to be worn out.

Students wearing uniforms and uniform components must also conform to the other dress code requirements stated below.

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The following shall apply:

1. Shorts and skorts may be worn. They must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
2. Skirts, dresses, or jumpers must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
3. Appropriate footwear must be worn; footwear that has toes reinforced with steel, hard plastics, or similar materials is specifically prohibited as are thongs, beach sandals, or other open-toed shoes that do not have straps to secure them.
4. Unconventional colors or hair styles (e.g., mohawks, spiked hair or designs) causing distractions are not permitted.
5. Headwear shall not be worn in buildings. For enforcement purposes, headwear worn as legitimate religious attire must be considered as an exception following a conference with the principal.
6. Any clothes that are suggestive or indecent or that cause a distraction are prohibited. Specifically, tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs or midriffs, and see-through garments without a shell or shirt worn under the garments are prohibited.
7. Indecent/inappropriate patches, writings, or drawings on clothing or the body are prohibited. Clothing with inappropriate advertising or statements that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene or inflammatory (e.g., alcoholic beverages, sex, tobacco, drugs, gangs, etc.) are also prohibited.
8. All oversized clothing shall not be worn to school. Specifically, "baggy" or "sagging" pants are prohibited. All pants are to be worn at the waist. Tight fitting pants (e.g., tights, bicycle pants or spandex) are also prohibited. Extra long belts are prohibited. Belts must be put through the belt loops on the pants.

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9. All shirts, including any type of jersey, shall be tucked in at all times. Sweatshirts, sweaters, shirts, or blouses designed to be worn out are the only exceptions.
10. Dangling key rings and chains will not be permitted. This includes chains attached to wallets, footwear, or backpacks.
11. Visible body piercing jewelry is prohibited except for ear piercing.
12. No gang-related attire will be permitted. This will be designated by individual campuses.

These rules apply to all District campuses and facilities and to any locations off-campus where District students are receiving classroom instruction (e.g., official class field trips, internships, or other programs hosted outside the District).

PARENT / STUDENT
NOTIFICATION

The principal shall notify students and parents regarding the implementation of the uniform policy at least 90 days prior to the effective date.

FUNDING

The Superintendent shall maintain federal and local compensatory funds available for the clothing needs of the educationally disadvantaged students who cannot afford to purchase the uniforms. Any funds donated for the purpose of purchasing uniforms shall be set aside and used only for that purpose.

EXEMPTIONS

A parent or guardian may request that his or her child be exempted from the uniform requirement by submitting a written statement on the philosophical or religious objections to the uniform requirement. Each campus shall provide forms for this purpose.

NON-
DISCRIMINATION

District or campus personnel shall not discriminate against any student who has been exempted from the mandatory use of uniforms because of religious or philosophical objections.

UNIFORM OPTIONS
FOR OUTERWEAR

Cold classrooms and cold weather clothing must support the District's uniform policy by:

1. Providing the necessary warmth;
2. Maintaining visibility of the required uniform components;
3. Allowing students flexibility to add or remove an extra article of clothing (layering);
4. Complementing the required uniform components and being neat and clean;
5. Being the correct size (not oversized);

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6. Complying with specific school guidelines addressing gang-related attire as determined by the principal;
7. Being appropriate to wear in a classroom for an entire school day;
8. Allowing flexibility for extreme weather conditions; and
9. Maintaining school safety; long coats extending below mid-thigh, including but not limited to trenchcoats, shall not be permitted.

DRESS FOR SPECIAL
OCCASION DAYS

The principal has the authority to allow all or part of the student body to vary from the uniform and establish a particular mode of attire for special occasion days or for particular school-sponsored or school-related activities.

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]

YOUNG WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY

Students actively enrolled in the Young Women's Leadership Academy shall be required to wear the approved uniform.