

Purpose

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill self-discipline, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

General Guidelines

A student's attire must not distract from the learning environment, must meet standards of common decency, and must not create a hazard to health or safety. Modesty and the avoidance of distracting and disrupting influences are the key to student dress. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. These guidelines shall be subject to periodic review. Exceptions for special health conditions shall be considered; a school nurse or doctor's statement may be required.

In order to meet and follow these general guidelines, the students at District secondary schools shall:

1. Not wear clothing with pictures, symbols, emblems, or writing on clothing and accessories (i.e., jewelry, rings, or belt buckles) that:
 - a. Present concern for safety (i.e., chains, dog collars);
 - b. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene;
 - c. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other illegal substance;
 - d. Refer to satanic, cult, or gang activities; or
 - e. Represent death and dismemberment, and/or violence.
2. Wear clothing (dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts) that is not shorter than five inches from the top of the knee cap and hemmed.
3. Not wear bicycle/spandex/lycra type clothing.
4. Not wear see-through clothing or have bare midriffs, bare shoulders, or backless fashions.
5. Not wear tank tops, muscle shirts, or clothing with spaghetti straps or strapless garments unless they are worn with a full T-shirt (with sleeves) underneath.
6. Not wear undergarments as outerwear.
7. Wear pants, shorts, and slacks at the natural waist.
8. Wear shoes at all times. Taps, metal plates, or cleats on shoes shall not be permitted. Specifically prohibited footwear

are bathroom slippers or footwear not intended for outdoor wear.

9. Not wear extremely torn clothing. All clothing must be hemmed.
10. Wear their hair well groomed and clean at all times. Extreme modes of hair design and color will not be permitted.
11. Be allowed to wear earrings. No jewelry or ornaments may be worn in any pierced area of the body except for the ear.
12. Be allowed to wear cheerleading uniforms during the school day at the principals' discretion.
13. Not wear hats, caps, sweat bands, visors, head coverings, or bandanas in the building (neither males nor females.)
14. Not wear sunshades in the building or classroom, unless prescribed by a physician for indoor use.
15. Not wear any disruptive, unsafe, or distractive mode of clothing or appearance that adversely impacts the education process. Included in this category are slit skirts and clothing with excessive holes.
16. Wear belts appropriately in belt loops and at the natural waist.

Although the student and the parent should determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, such personal dress and grooming standards must comply with the general guidelines set out above and the District's dress code for students in student handbook.

Violations

If the principal or assistant principal on any campus determines that a student's dress or grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If the dress or grooming is not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school.

Repeated violations of the dress code may result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. [See FO series]

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 those standards 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]

Standard Attire

Standard attire policy on individual campuses must be followed and takes precedence over the dress code.