

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. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (LEGAL).

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines set out above and with the student dress code outlined in the student handbook.

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]

Uniforms

The Board has determined that the use of school uniforms will improve the learning environment at the District and will recommend the use of student uniforms as specified in the rules.

Effective Date

This uniform rule shall become effective on the 91st day after the Board adoption date of this rule as set forth below.

Principal's Authority

The principal of each campus may adopt a specific uniform rule with the approval of the Superintendent prior to adoption or change of the rule. The principal shall receive input from the campus site-based decision-making committee.

Parent / Student Notification

Parents and students will be notified of the adoption of the uniform rule by the principal 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 their child be exempted from the uniform requirement. In order to exercise this option, the parent or guardian should submit a written statement that states a religious or philosophical objection to the uniform requirement. Each campus for which the uniform rule is adopted shall provide forms for this purpose.

Non- Discrimination

District or campus personnel shall not discriminate against any student whose parent or guardian chooses to submit an exception for religious or philosophical objections to the uniform rule.