

STUDENTS

Dress and Grooming

The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process.

(cf. 4119.22/4219.22/4319.22 - Dress and Grooming)
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech)

The Governing Board believes that education is one of the most important functions of state and local governments and that only by integrating children of various races, colors, cultural, ethnical and environmental backgrounds can the public schools become the effective “marketplace of ideas” for the benefit of all students. Common sense dictates that some uniform regulations are necessary in order to maintain order, spirit, scholarship, pride, and discipline in the operation of such a school district.

The Governing Board recognizes that students’ mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of their personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding appearance, except when choices affect the educational program of the schools. It is recognized that any apparel which draws undue attention to the wearer tends to detract from the education process and is therefore inappropriate. Good taste and good grooming are a part of learning for all students. It is the mark of maturity when students can freely choose apparel that demonstrates individuality without deviating from the standard of appropriateness.

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about dress and grooming standards at the beginning of the school year and whenever these standards are revised. A student who violates these standards shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Gang-Related Apparel

The Governing Board will establish a reasonable dress code that prohibits students from wearing gang-related apparel when there is evidence of a gang presence that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities. Such a dress code will be included as part of the District safety plan and must be presented to the Board for approval. The Board shall approve the plan upon determining that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the school's students.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

The Governing Board will require school principals to develop a school spirit attire plan, i.e. designated plaid, logo shirts, etc., and include in their site annual student/parent handbooks.

All coaches will establish consistent dress for athletes on game days.

The Governing Board will annually receive AR 5132 six months before each new school year as an information item and direct staff to communicate any changes to the public through school newsletters and other related vehicles.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35183 School dress codes; uniforms

32281 School safety plans

48907 Student exercise of free expression

49066 Grades; effect of physical education class apparel

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

302 Pupils to be neat and clean on entering school

Hartzell v. Connell (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Arcadia Unified School District v. California Department of Education, (1992) 2 Cal. 4th 251

Marvin H. Jeglin et al v. San Jacinto Unified School District et al 827 F.Supp. 1459 (C.D. Cal. 1993)

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