

DRESS AND GROOMING

The Governing Board believes that the responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians and that attire or grooming depicting or advocating violence, criminal activity, gang-related activity (including professional sports wear and/or colors identified by SC Sheriff or SJPD as gang-affiliated), use of alcohol or drugs, pornography, or hate speech are prohibited.

Minimum Safe Attire

Student attire and grooming must permit the student to participate in learning without posing a risk to the health or safety of any student or school district personnel.

- a) Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for example dresses, leggings, or shorts) and shoes, including open-toed shoes and sandals.
- b) Hats and other head coverings are not permitted on school grounds except when worn as sun-protective clothing as prescribed by the student's physician, as an expression of religious beliefs, or when the principal determines that extreme cold weather warrants it.
- c) Clothing must cover the chest and torso and lower extremities
- d) Clothing must cover undergarments
- e) Clothing must not be see through.
- f) Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, shop classes and other activities where unique hazards or specialized attire or safety gear is required.

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.

School-directed changes to a student's attire or grooming should be the least restrictive and disruptive to the student's school day. Any school dress code enforcement actions should minimize the potential loss of educational time. Administration and enforcement of the dress code shall be gender neutral and consistent.

This policy applies to all individual schools. Schools may not enact more restrictive or less restrictive dress and grooming codes.

DRESS AND GROOMING (continued)

(cf. 4119.22- Dress and Grooming)
(cf. 5145.2- Freedom of Speech/Expression: Publications Code)
(cf. 5144- Discipline)
(cf. 0450- Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 5136- Gangs)

Uniforms

In order to promote student safety and discourage theft, peer rivalry and/or gang activity, the principal, staff and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable policy requiring students to wear uniforms. Such a policy may be included as part of the school 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.

If a school's plan to require uniforms is adopted, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures whereby parents/guardians may choose to have their children exempted from the school uniform policy. Students shall not be penalized academically, otherwise discriminated against or denied attendance to school if their parents/guardians so decide.

(Education Code 35183)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that resources are identified to assist economically disadvantaged students in obtaining uniforms.

Sun-Protective Clothing

District students will be allowed to wear sun-protective clothing and hats. Sun-protective hats may be worn for outdoor use only. Students will be required to wear a hat for sun-protection which has a brim large enough to protect the face and/or back of neck and/or ears.

A parent/guardian or doctor's authorization will be required for a student to wear a sun-protective hat and that note shall include the type and extent of the coverage required.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32282 School safety plans
35183 School dress codes; uniforms
35183.5 Sun-protective clothing
48907 Student exercise of free expression
49066 Grades; effect of physical education class apparel

DRESS AND GROOMING (continued)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

302 Pupils to be neat and clean on entering school

COURT DECISIONS

Marvin H. Jeglin et al v. San Jacinto Unified School District et al, (C.D. Cal. 1993)

827 F.Supp. 1459

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

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

Policy

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