
Student Dress

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that the student's dress and grooming does not:

- A. Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives;
- B. Create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others;
- C. Create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence; or
- D. Imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design or emblem upon any school or personal property or one's person.

The principal, in collaboration with the athletic director and in connection 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 when the activity is school-sponsored, if the principal reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming:

- A. Creates a hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others; or
- B. Will prevent, interfere with or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

For interscholastic athletics and other school-sponsored extracurricular activities, team uniforms, warm-ups, and coordinated apparel are considered part of the activity and may be regulated to ensure consistency with district expectations, including nondiscrimination, sportsmanship, and the orderly operation of the activity. Coordinated apparel, messaging, or branding associated with these activities shall be school-, team-, or activity-related and shall not include political, religious, or other messaging that may reasonably be viewed as polarizing, discriminatory, or disruptive.

Corrective Action

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal or athletic director, in consultation with the principal, will request that the student make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the principal will notify the parent, if reasonably possible, and request that the parent make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent refuse, the principal will take appropriate disciplinary action. Students may be suspended, if circumstances so warrant. Students who violate provisions of the dress code relating to extracurricular activities may be removed or excluded from the extracurricular activity for such period as the principal or athletic director, acting under the principal's authority, may determine.

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All students will be accorded due process safeguards before any corrective action may be taken.

Coach and Sponsor Responsibilities

Sponsors and coaches are expected to follow direction from the athletic director and building principal and shall not authorize or permit dress, apparel, or coordinated team messaging that conflicts with this procedure or district expectations for school-sponsored activities.

Students identified as being gang involved, influenced or affiliated will be provided assistance and/or programs which discourage gang involvement or affiliation, enhance self-esteem, encourage interest and participation in school or other positive activities and promote membership in authorized school organizations.