

Board Policy JCDB: Student Dress Code

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Student Dress Code

Students are expected to be clean, neat, and appropriately dressed at all times. A student is expected to exercise good judgment in his/her choice of dress, making sure that it is appropriate for school. Clothing, hair styles, make-up, etc. must not be a distraction to the learning of the individual or others, immodest, inflammatory, or offensive, or pose a safety hazard. The determination as to the appropriateness of any item will be made by the faculty and administration, but the following guidelines should be followed.

1. Shorts, skirts, dresses, or other clothing must be finger-tip length or reaching the mid-thigh. Leggings may be worn if the shirt extends beyond the buttocks.
2. Shirts and tops should be long enough to cover the midriff when sitting or standing.
3. Shirts, tops, and dresses must cover the top of the shoulder with at least a two-inch width strap and should not expose cleavage, undergarments, or bare-back. Sheer, strapless, spaghetti straps, and tank tops are not allowed.
4. Sagging pants are not allowed and pants cannot be worn with the waistband below the hipbone.
5. Underwear, or the body typically covered by underwear, cannot be visible at any time, including under sheer, see through, or mesh fabric.
6. Any form of attire which is indicative of gang affiliation is prohibited, including bandanas.
7. Caps, hats, or other headgear, including hoods, may not be worn in the building. Combs, picks, brushes, rollers may not be worn at school. Sunglasses or visors may not be worn inside the building.
8. Clothing and jewelry will not be allowed that promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gangs, sex, illegal activities, weapons, violence, or a disruptive nature.
9. Shoes must be worn at all times and should be appropriate for school activities. Shoes must be worn in accordance with special requirements such as PE, Labs, etc. Bedroom slippers are not allowed. As a safety measure for elementary students, shoes must have a strap around the heel (sandals, Crocs, etc.)
10. Visible body piercings (other than ears) are limited to stud-type jewelry. Jewelry/accessories that could be deemed a safety hazard (including chains, spiked jewelry, heavy medallions) or jewelry which is disruptively excessive in size, style, or number are not allowed.

General Guidelines

This guideline applies to clothing worn at any school function. Any other attire deemed to be indecent, inappropriate, or disruptive to the school learning environment will be addressed by school administrators on an as-needed basis.

Current school-issued identification badges are required for all students in grades 6 through 12. IDs must be on person. IDs should not be defaced in any manner. Exceptions to this rule may be made for safety reasons when deemed appropriate by a teacher or administrator.

Certain school environments or classes may require more restrictive dress due to safety issues, i.e., Career/ Technical classes, science labs, physical education. Students are expected to comply with safety guidelines. Student dress and appearance are the responsibility of the student and the parent.

Bedroom clothing and bedroom shoes are inappropriate. Blankets are not allowed at school during the normal school day. Any other questionable or distracting attire will be handled on an individual basis at the discretion of the administration. As styles change, the school reserves the right to provide further clarification of inappropriate dress.

School-wide exceptions may be made to this policy for such special events as "hat days" or "spirit days." The school principal and/or designee will make the final determination on whether a student's dress conflicts with these guidelines. Other exceptions to this rule could be made by the administration based on student's medical or documented religious beliefs.

Appropriate action and consequences for failing to comply with the dress code policy will be addressed by school officials.
