

STUDENT CONDUCT
DRESS CODE

FNCA
(LOCAL)

PURPOSE The District's dress code has been 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 or interference with normal school operations. **THE CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION MUST CONSISTENTLY ASSURE THAT THE DRESS CODE POLICY IS ENFORCED. DETERMINATION OF A DRESS CODE VIOLATION IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ADMINISTRATION. FURTHERMORE, ADMINISTRATORS MAY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE TO DRESS CODE.**

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

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene, weapons, violence, or promote satanic messages.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (LEGAL).
3. May be gang-related.

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 the District's dress code for students in the student handbook and as follows:

**DRESS CODE
NOT PERMITTED**

The students are the pride of the District. Students who dress in a neat and clean manner exemplify that pride. The following list of apparel includes specific items considered inappropriate for school and shall not be worn:

1. Muscle shirts, mesh shirts, and cut-off tee shirts.
2. Low-cut, shoulder less, see-through, string-tie, halter dresses/blouses/shirts, tank-tops, tube-tops, spaghetti straps and tight fitted shirts are prohibited. Students must wear sufficient undergarments.
3. No bare midriffs are allowed (whether student is in sitting or standing position or with raised arm) even if covered by another piece of clothing such as a blouse, sweater or a jacket.

4. Dress shirts shall not be worn outside the slacks. However, all shirts or blouses designed to be worn outside do not have to be tucked in.
5. Baggy jeans, sagging pants, baggy overalls, and oversized clothing are prohibited. All pants are to be worn at the waist. Oversized clothing shall not be worn to school during normal school hours.
6. Biker or short shorts are prohibited. Tight fitting pants (e.g. tights or spandex) are prohibited. Sweatpants, wind pants, pants or shorts with drawstrings, warm-ups, over-alls, pajamas, or pajama-like clothing are prohibited.
7. Trench coats and overcoats are not allowed. Jackets may only be worn during cold weather. Pullover jackets are prohibited. Jackets must have a zipper or buttons.
8. Hats, caps, head-bands, bandanas or hairnets prohibited. An exception may be made for a bona fide religious reason. Headwear shall not be worn unless approved by the Principal. Hoods are not to be worn in the building.
9. Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building (unless there is a medical excuse).
10. Body piercing is prohibited, except for the earlobe. Hollow rings that separate the earlobe are prohibited. Eyebrow rings are prohibited. Traditional earrings or studs may be worn on the ear (must not be distracting or be a safety hazard). Tongue-rings and tongue studs are prohibited. "Grills" or temporary decorations on teeth are prohibited. Spiked jewelry is prohibited.
11. Studs or earrings are not permissible on boys.
12. Belts must be put through the belt loops on the pants and must be worn. Over-sized buckles (no larger than a credit card), chain or metal belts, lettering on belts or buckles, and stripes, checks or designs, on belts are prohibited. **ONLY BUCKLES AWARDED THROUGH A SCHOOL RELATED ORGANIZATION IS PERMISSABLE** (eg. Future Farmer of America).
13. Dangling key rings and chains will not be permitted. This includes but is not limited to chains attached to wallets, footwear, backpacks, or worn as a belt.
14. Visible PERMANENT tattoos are prohibited.

15. At the secondary level, make-up (including nail polish) shall not be outlandish, distracting, gang or cult related. At the elementary level, makeup, and cosmetic nails are prohibited. Nail polish is allowed.

PERMITTED

The following shall be permitted:

1. Walking shorts, knickers, dresses, short skirts that are three inches or less above the knee. Skirts may have a slit/pleat which opens no longer than 3 inches above the knee. Skirts must be worn at the waist. Skirts or skorts which are shorter than 3 inch above the knee may not be worn over tights or hosiery.
2. Students in pre-kindergarten—grade 2 may wear shorts.
3. Buttoned shirts and blouses (only two factory buttons from the collar may be unbuttoned).

Furthermore:

1. Footwear must be worn at all times. Shoes which are noisy or present a safety concern are not permitted. Sandals must have heel support. Footwear that has toes reinforced with steel, hard plastic or similar materials is specifically prohibited. Students are also prohibited from wearing house slippers, flip-flops, beach sandals, or other open-toed shoes that do not have straps to secure them. Roller-skate shoes are prohibited. Elementary students may wear shoes with lights. Tights and fish-net hosiery are prohibited.
2. Proper undergarments must be worn.
3. Hair shall be clean and neatly combed. The style and color must not be extreme to the point of creating a distraction. Some examples of such styles are Mohawks, spikes, tails, razor lines, white walls with long hair in back. Hair must be kept combed out the eyes and face.
4. Mustaches must be neatly trimmed and groomed. Beards are not permitted.

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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]

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Any individual campus, including an alternative campus, may elect to establish and implement requirements for mandatory school uniforms to improve students' self-esteem, reduce ethnic/racial tensions, bridge socioeconomic differences among students, and promote positive behavior, thereby enhancing school safety and improving the learning environment.

The campus decision-making council, chaired by the school principal, shall solicit input from all representative groups within the school and the community through well-publicized open meetings. The campus shall then obtain written approval from at least 60 percent of the parents or guardians of students who will attend the school the year the uniform policy is implemented. Each family shall have one vote for each of its children who attends that campus in the initial year that uniforms are required.

IMPLEMENTATION

The campus principal, after consultation with the campus decision-making committee, shall request specific Board approval prior to implementing a uniform requirement. The request presented to the Board shall:

1. Include a detailed and specific description of the uniform;
2. Include a plan and funding source(s) for providing uniforms for students unable to pay for them;
3. Be consistent with provisions of the District's dress and grooming standards; and
4. Establish a process for a parent/guardian to seek an exemption from the uniform requirement or to transfer his or her child, contingent on available space, to a school that does not require students to wear uniforms.

Implementation of a mandatory uniform policy shall not occur for 90 days after Board approval.

FUNDING

District funds shall not be used to purchase uniforms without specific approval by the Board. The funding source for providing uniforms for students unable to pay may include one or more of the following:

1. Donations, gifts, or grants;
2. Funds generated at the campus level by students, staff, PTAs, or business/community partners; or
3. Any other source as approved by the Board.