

**DRESS AND GROOMING**

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Governing Board policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have heel straps. Thongs or backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable for students in grades K-8.
2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. Clothes shall be modest, both standing and sitting, and adequately cover undergarments at all times.
  - a. No sheer, strapless, backless, or low cut tops that reveal skin
  - b. No bare midriffs
  - c. Shirt straps on both shoulders must be a minimum of 1 inch in width
  - d. No "sagging" pants which allow for the exposure of undergarments or bare skin
4. Clothing shall not be worn that may be considered as possibly dangerous or be used as a potential weapon (i.e. chains, spikes, spurs, etc.).
5. Clothing shall not be worn that implies gang affiliation with colors logos, or symbols.
6. Hats, head coverings, and sunglasses may be worn outside, but require removal during school hours in all school buildings, except for hallways and gyms. Head coverings worn for religious or medical purposes may be worn at all times. Hats that bear a message or that have been modified to bear a message that is inappropriate for school (as described in BP 5132) will not be allowed.

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7. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be sprayed by any coloring that would drip when wet.

Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.

*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*

The principal, staff, students and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

**Gang-Related Apparel**

The District along with site administrators, staff and parents/guardians, shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received.

Regulation  
approved:

**WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**