

*Dress and Appearance*

Students are expected to dress appropriately for weather conditions and in accordance with Board Policy and the guidelines established in the applicable Student Handbook.

Student attire or appearance that materially and substantially interferes with the educational process, threatens the school or community, depicts or encourages unlawful or otherwise prohibited activity, or interferes with another student's rights is not permitted.

Clothing bearing or depicting messages, images, or advertisements relating to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is not permitted. Clothing depicting violent or sexually explicit messages or images is also prohibited.

Nothing in this regulation shall prevent students from wearing protective hairstyles. The term "protective hairstyle" shall include, but not limited to, hairstyles such as locs, braids, twists, coils, bantu knots, afros, and extensions.

Absent an administrative exception to the contrary, students are expected to dress in accordance with Board Policy and the guidelines established in the applicable Student Handbook during school hours and at school-sponsored events.

Each school's dress code policy shall be gender-neutral. Schools cannot enforce specific attire based on gender. Students have the right to dress in accordance with their gender identity within the constraints of the dress codes adopted by the school. Gender-neutral dress code guidelines apply to regular school days as well as any school sponsored activities.

Students whose attire does not conform to the applicable standards will be asked to put on appropriate clothing. Students may be asked to change into appropriate clothing, if available at school, or the student's parent/guardian will be called and asked to bring appropriate clothing to school.

Students with questions about the applicable dress code or the appropriateness of particular attire/appearance shall direct such questions to the building principal or assistant principal.

Serious or repeated violations of the dress code will be subject to disciplinary action.

Cross Reference: Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5400 (Students' Freedom of Expression)