

AR 5132 Dress and Grooming

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

The following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Clothing and accessories must not display obscene or sexual content, racial slurs, hate language, profanity, violence (including depictions of weapons, explosives, death, or graphic injuries), or drug-, alcohol- or tobacco-related content. Gang related apparel is prohibited.
2. Clothing must not be revealing.
3. Clothing must not be baggy.
4. Belts must be threaded through all belt loops.
5. Shoes must meet safety standards. Shoes must be closed-toed (Elementary only), shoes must have closed-heel or have a strap across the back.
6. Hats or caps may be worn outdoors for sun protection, but must be removed when entering buildings. All head coverings are subject to Rule 1 regarding prohibited content and should be worn facing forward.
7. Accessories and jewelry worn in pierced areas of the body must not substantially disrupt or materially interfere with student safety or instruction (e.g., spiked jewelry). Jewelry worn in face and body piercings must be removed for activities such as PE at the discretion of the teacher. Jewelry is subject to the same content standards as other apparel.

The dress code shall be modified as appropriate to accommodate a student's religious or cultural observance, health condition, or other circumstance deemed necessary by the principal or designee. In addition, the principal or designee may impose dress requirements to accommodate the needs of special school activities, physical education classes, athletic activities, and other extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

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)

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

Gang-Related Apparel

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff, and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school

safety plan 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)

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Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least annually and updated whenever related information is received. As necessary, the school shall collaborate with law enforcement agencies to update definitions of gang-related apparel.

Uniforms

In schools that require a schoolwide uniform, the principal, staff, and parents/guardians of the school shall jointly select the specific uniform to be worn. (Education Code 35183)

At least six months before a school uniform policy is implemented, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this policy. (Education Code 35183)

Parents/guardians shall also be informed of their right to have their child exempted.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria for determining student eligibility for financial assistance when purchasing uniforms.

Students who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization shall be allowed to wear organization uniforms on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35183)

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