



Policy 3255 – Student Dress

Students' clothing may not create a material or substantial disruption to the educational process. Clothing and accessories that are a safety hazard are prohibited. Students shall be allowed to wear clothing and accessories of their choice at school and school-related activities provided they comply with this dress code and with any other applicable procedures or rules. The District shall respect students' First Amendment rights with regard to student apparel that conveys a political or religious message.

~~This dress code shall apply to all student apparel worn at school and at school activities, including:~~

~~Clothing;~~

~~Accessories;~~

~~Cosmetics;~~

~~Jewelry, including piercings;~~

~~Any emblem, badge, button, or symbol; and~~

~~Visible tattoos.~~

~~Different or more specific clothing may be required for some courses and activities, including — but not limited to — PE classes, shop classes and career & technical education courses, field trips, field days, and school dances. The principal or their designee may approve dress codes specific to such courses or activities or may approve exceptions to the dress code as they deem appropriate.~~

~~It shall be the responsibility of the building principal or their designee to communicate this dress code and any other applicable dress codes and exceptions to the students they apply to.~~

~~The District will seek to accommodate cultural, religious, and ethnic differences in dress and grooming as well as differences in dress or grooming based on disability or medical need, provided such dress or grooming does not materially or substantially disrupt the educational process of the school or create a health or safety hazard for students, staff, or others. No student shall be required to modify their natural head or facial hair, such as by shaving or straightening through the application of heat or chemicals. Students may dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or expression. This dress code shall be interpreted and applied in a non-discriminatory manner.~~

Required Clothing

~~Students must wear clothing made of material that can't be seen through that covers their torso [OPTIONAL: from the armpits down] on all sides of the body, and which covers at least [SELECT ONE: the top three or four inches of the thigh OR down to mid-thigh OR OTHER]. The shirt or other garment covering the torso must have sleeves or straps. Shirts or other garments that expose the midriff [SELECT ONE: are OR are not] permitted.~~



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~~Clothing must cover the student's underwear, with the exception of waistbands and the straps of a bra or sleeveless undershirt.~~

~~[SELECT ONE: Students may wear hats and other head coverings provided they don't cover the student's face and provided the student's ears remain visible. Hats that interfere with the student's line of sight or any other person's line of sight are not permitted. OR Students may not wear hats or other head coverings.] An exception to this rule may be made as described above to accommodate medical, cultural, religious, or other attire.~~

~~Students must wear shoes at all times, except when they are changing shoes for PE or a student activity and except when an exception is granted as described above.~~

Prohibited Attire

~~Attire that depicts or alludes to any of the following by picture, symbol, or word shall be prohibited:~~

~~Illegal acts;~~

~~Drugs, including alcohol, nicotine, and controlled substances;~~

~~Drug paraphernalia;~~

~~The following items, which are considered gang attire: [Specific items that signal affiliation with any gang the building principal has a reasonable belief is present at the school];~~

~~Violence;~~

~~Messages that are threatening or defamatory;~~

~~[OPTIONAL: Messages that denigrate, harass, or discriminate against any individual or class of individual, or create a hostile or intimidating environment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, language barrier, religious beliefs, physical and mental disability, economic or social conditions, or actual or potential marital or parental status or status as a homeless child to the extent that they are substantially and materially disruptive of the educational environment;]~~

~~Profanity;~~

~~Sexually explicit, lewd, or indecent images or messages.~~

~~Attire that poses a safety hazard or that is likely to damage school property is also prohibited.~~

Interpretation and Enforcement of the Dress Code

Teachers and [OTHER APPLICABLE POSITIONS] shall be responsible for referring possible dress code violations to the building principal OR **designee OTHER POSITION]** to determine whether the attire constitutes a dress code violation. If a



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conflict arises in the interpretation of this policy, the interpretation of the building principal or ~~their~~ designee shall be final.

Each school in the District has a dress code. Refer to the school handbook.

~~[OPTIONAL: This policy shall be applied consistently, regardless of body size, type, or maturity and regardless of gender, race, and other protected categories. It should be enforced in a manner that avoids loss of instructional time and avoids shaming students, such as by confronting students about their attire in front of other students.]~~

~~If a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student may be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school, such as by covering, removing, or replacing a problematic item of attire. If the student is unable or unwilling to correct the violation, the student may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include assignment to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent/guardian or other person brings dress code-compliant attire to the school.~~

Legal Reference:

Legal References		Description
IC § 33-506		District Trustees - Organization and Government of Board of Trustees
IC § 33-512(6)		District Trustees - Governance of Schools
Cross References		
Code	Description	
3281	<u>Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation</u>	
3310	<u>Gangs & Gang Activity</u>	

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Revised:
Reviewed: