

DRESS AND GROOMING

The School Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. This policy serves to set expectations for ~~The Board expects students to give proper attention to~~ personal cleanliness and ~~to wear clothes~~ clothing that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students have the right to make individual choices from a wide range of clothing and grooming styles, ~~but they must~~ that do not present a health or safety hazard or ~~cause an undue~~ distraction which would interfere with the educational process.

The school is a partner in ensuring that each student understands and can successfully meet the dress code and grooming standards. Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about the school dress code at the beginning of the year and when revised. A designated staff member will be available to meet with students and families who do not understand the expectations of this policy or who believe they cannot meet the dress and grooming requirements.

Profanity, nudity (real or in caricature), depiction of sexually inappropriate behavior, promotion of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products are inappropriate attire. Revealing or inappropriate attire does not promote a positive learning environment. The Board believes it is the students' responsibility to come to school appropriately dressed.

(cf. 4119.22 - Dress and Grooming (staff))
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

~~Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about the school dress code at the beginning of the year and when revised.~~ A student who violates the dress code shall be subject to ~~appropriate~~ corrective or disciplinary action. Corrective action should be considered for first offenses unless, in the judgement of the principal or designee, circumstances indicate that disciplinary action is appropriate.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Note: The following optional language permits schools to provide temporary alternative clothing in order to assist students in completing the school day.

Schools may choose to have temporary alternative clothing available that will permit a student in violation of the dress code to remain at school for the remainder of the school day, subject to the approval of the principal or designee.

Legal Reference:
Breese v. Smith, 501 P.2d 159, (Alaska 1979)

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