

STUDENT DRESS CODE

School dress should not threaten the health, welfare and safety of the members of the student body and enhance a positive image of the students and the District. Any form of dress or grooming which attracts undue attention, prompting a disruption of the learning environment or violating the previous statement, is unacceptable.

Requirements include the following:

1. Dress and grooming standards require cleanliness in the interest of health, sanitary conditions and safety requirements.
2. When a student is participating in school activities, his/her dress and grooming must not disrupt his/her performance or that of other students or constitute a health threat to himself/herself or other students.
3. Dress and grooming are not such as to disrupt the teaching/learning process.

Uniforms

The principal, after consultation with a building committee may decide to implement a uniform requirement within the building. The committee composed of the principal, teachers, parents must request specific Board approval prior to implementing a uniform requirement. The request must be approved by the Board at least six months prior to the implementation date. The request presented to the Board must:

1. include a detailed and specific description of the uniform;
2. include a plan and funding source(s) for providing uniforms for students unable to pay for them;
3. be consistent with provisions of the District's dress and grooming standards, and
4. establish a process for a parent/guardian to seek an exemption from the uniform requirement or to transfer his/her child, contingent on available space, to a school that does not require students to wear uniforms.

Students participating in a nationally recognized youth organization may wear the organizational uniform on days the organization has a scheduled function.

Funding

District funds shall not be used to purchase uniforms without specific approval by the Board. The funding source for providing uniforms for students unable to pay may include one of more of the following:

1. donations, gifts or grants;
2. funds generated at the building level by students, staff, PTA/PTO's or business/community partners or

3. any other source as approved by the Board.

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