

## **Student Dress Code**

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. School-wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The Charter Board recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to change into appropriate clothing or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately. In this case, there shall be no further penalty.

If the student cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, the student shall be given a reminder and an administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians.

### **Unacceptable Items**

The following items are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds, or at school activities:

1. Shorts, dresses, skirts, or other similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh length.
2. Sunglasses and/or hats worn inside the building.
3. Inappropriately sheer, tight, or low-cut clothing (e.g., midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh, or similar material, muscle tops, etc.) that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back, and breasts.
4. Tank tops or other similar clothing with straps narrower than 1.5 inches in width.
5. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments (tattoos) that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
  - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
  - Are of a sexual nature
  - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior
  - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
  - Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
  - Promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct
  - Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process
  - Tattoos must be covered at all times
6. Piercings should be limited to the ears.
7. Make-up must not be worn to school. Face painting, costume make-up, etc. can be used on specific events that are set aside for that, such as Halloween parties. During those specific events, the costume make-up or face-painting must not be offensive.

8. Hairstyles are the jurisdiction of the individual student. However, if an offensive symbol is shaved into a student's scalp, the student will not be allowed to come on the campus.

Any areas that are not covered in the policy and raise the concern of staff members, will be addressed by meeting with the student, administrator, and parent (if necessary) to determine as a team whether or not the dress is appropriate.

### **Exceptions**

Appropriate athletic clothing may be worn in physical education classes. Clothing normally worn when participating in school-sponsored extra curricular or sports activities (such as cheerleading uniforms and the like) may be worn to school when approved by the sponsor or coach.

The administrator, in conjunction with the school accountability committee, may develop and adopt school-specific dress codes that are consistent with this policy.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(IX) (boards duty to adopt student dress code)

CROSS REFS.: JBB, Sexual Harassment  
JIC, Student Conduct  
JICDA, Code of Conduct  
JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity  
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students  
JICI, Weapons in School  
JK, Student Discipline  
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students  
JLI, Student Safety

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