

Student Dress Code

Student attire can either promote a more effective educational environment, or it can disrupt the educational climate and process. Therefore, the Board requires every student to dress in a manner that provides for a safe and healthy school environment, supports academic achievement, and ensures the student's right to a non-disruptive educational atmosphere. All students will adhere to the minimum standards of dress when the student is on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location.

Students are not to wear or carry items of apparel (clothing, accessories, cosmetics, tattoos, jewelry—including body piercing) which depict or allude to, by picture, symbol or word: drugs, including alcohol and tobacco; controlled substances; drug paraphernalia; gangs; violence; sexually explicit, lewd, indecent or offensive material, or illegal acts.

Wearing, using, or displaying of any gang clothing or attire, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, codes or other things which evidence membership or affiliation in any gang is prohibited on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location.

Students may not wear head coverings in school buildings during school hours, except as authorized by the principal or designee; for example, religious headgear.

Unless the principal or designee indicates otherwise, students will wear footwear at all times.

Students' clothing and grooming shall be appropriate, shall not be revealing, and shall not be a disruption or interference to the educational process.

Disciplinary action for violation of this policy may involve up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

Temporary Exceptions

In order to allow appropriate attire for a particular educational or school activity, the principal or designee may grant temporary exceptions to specific provisions of this policy.

DEFINITIONS:

Controlled Substances: include, but are not limited to opiates, opium derivatives, hallucinogenic substances, including cocaine, and cannabis and synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant, any material, compound, mixture or preparation with substances having a depressant effect on the central nervous system, and stimulants.

Drugs: shall include any alcohol or malt beverage, any inhalant, any tobacco product, any controlled substance, any illegal substance, any abused substance, any look-alike or counterfeit drug, any medication not approved and registered by the school authorities and/or any substance which is intended to alter mood.

Drug Paraphernalia: all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use, in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance as defined in this policy.

On District premises or at any District sponsored activity, regardless of location: shall include, but not be limited to buildings, facilities, and grounds on the District campus, school buses, District parking areas; and the location of any District sponsored activity. This includes instances in which the conduct occurs off the District premises but impacts a District-related activity.

Adopted: 6/2/97 Reviewed: Review Annually Revised: 7/14/00
7/9/01 (3/12/01)
7/12/04
7/1/12 (4/9/12)

Cross Reference: Gangs #3234
Employee Dress Code #5226

Legal Reference: IC 33-506
IC 33-512(6)

Handbook Reference: Elementary Student Planner
Secondary Student Planner