

## STUDENT DRESS CODE AND UNIFORMS

School dress should enhance a positive image of the students and the District and not threaten the health, welfare and safety of the members of the student body. Any form of dress or grooming that 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.

Final interpretations of appropriate dress and grooming will reside with the building principal.

### 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 and 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 may:

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 or more of the following:

1. donations, gifts or grants;
2. funds generated at the building level by students, staff, PTA/PTOs or business/community partners or
3. any other source as approved by the Board.

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LEGAL REFS.: U.S. Const. Amend. I  
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CROSS REFS.: JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)  
JFCEA, Gangs  
Student Handbooks

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All students must dress in compliance with the student uniform policy.

Students shall dress in such a manner that clothing or appearance is not a source of distraction and does not endanger their safety, health, or physical well-being, or that of others. The student should be well-groomed, clean, and neat, and dressed in a manner conducive to learning. Final interpretations of appropriate dress and grooming will reside with the building principal.

Shorts are permitted for elementary students only from the first day of school through September 30, and again, from May 1 through the last day of school. Shorts are not permitted between October 1 and April 30.

The school uniform policy prescribes the following:

1. Slacks, Shorts/Skorts, Skirts
  - A. Must be solid colors.
  - B. Skirts must be of reasonable length so as not to be considered a distraction.
  - C. Jeans are not permitted, except on out-of-uniform days
  - D. Sweat pants/yoga pants are not permitted.
2. Shirts, Sweatshirts, Sweater Vests, and Sweaters
  - A. Shirts must be solid color with a collar.
  - B. Any artwork (logo, insignia, emblem, etc.) must not be larger than three inches by five inches and must not include inappropriate content as described below.
  - C. Titan sweatshirts /hoodies are acceptable any day of the week with collared shirt underneath.
3. St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Titan Spirit Wear is appropriate only on designated days.

4. No clothing or tattoos may bear insignia that are:
  - A. Indecent or obscene
  - B. Suggestive of violence, including gang identification
  - C. Threatening or demeaning
  - D. Promote alcohol, tobacco or drugs
  - E. Likely to interfere with the educational process
5. No visible body jewelry will be permitted, with the exception of earrings; earrings that pose a risk to the student or others during certain activities must be removed for those activities.
6. Extreme make-up and/or hair color will not be permitted. Make-up and hair color must be of a natural color or tone.
7. Articles of clothing meant to be worn outdoors rather than indoors, with the exception of Titan sweatshirts/hoodies, may not be worn during the school day and should be kept in the students' lockers or assigned areas.
8. Hats, head coverings, headgear, scarves, headbands, bandanas, pins, gloves, mittens, and/or sunglasses (unless directed by a doctor) are not to be worn. Heavy chains, studded bracelets, dog collars, and other articles that may be judged to be potentially dangerous to the students and/or could be used as weapons will not be permitted.
9. Bookbags, backpacks, and large utility bags will not be allowed in classrooms and must be kept in school-provided lockers or in areas designated by the principal or other staff members.
10. Open-toed shoes, including flip-flops, are not permitted.
11. The final interpretation of appropriate dress, grooming, and uniform standards rests with the building administrator.

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