

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The School Board recognizes that, within certain limits, each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the ability of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools or the health and safety of the student or others. As a part of learning to live within appropriate limits, as one must do in all workplaces and professions, students are expected to follow the Student Dress Code. Cleanliness, modesty and appropriate clothing for the academic environment are minimum standards. Revealing or distracting clothing that is immodest or sexually suggestive, condoning of violence or suicide, or suggestive of drug/alcohol/tobacco use is not acceptable. Clothing will be worn in the manner in which it is intended. Undergarments will be covered by the appropriate outer garment. No bare midriff shirts that expose the midsection shall be worn. Shirts having necklines that are lower than a straight line from the top of the underarm across to the opposite underarm will not be allowed. No dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts are to be shorter than the extended tip of the longest finger with arms hanging naturally at the sides. No slits or holes in these garments or in any pants are permitted above this point.

Athletic/activity clothing worn during physical education classes, competition and practice will be given special consideration due to the participation requirements governed by the Wyoming High School Activities Association.

District personnel have the responsibility of protecting the health and safety of pupils and maintaining proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning.

A student's dress or grooming shall not:

Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or to others in the school.

Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.

Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.

Prevent the student from achieving his educational objectives.

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. It is recommended that students wear hard or rubber soled shoes, commonly known as dress or casual shoes, athletic court shoes or sandals. Students may not wear slippers, flip-flops or similar soft soled shoes due to safety concerns.

Each elementary and secondary school shall develop clear and reasonable rules and regulations for student conduct in that school. They shall be consistent with Board policy and state law and shall be reviewed and endorsed by the Board of Education. Each school shall adequately inform parents, pupil, and staff members of expected standards of conduct.

Gang-related clothing or styles of grooming, may vary from school to school, and may change from year to year. Therefore, it may be necessary, at some point in time to prohibit the wearing of certain items of apparel and certain styles of grooming not limited to specific hair styles, colors, logos, manufacturer brand names, etc.. The purpose of prohibiting these items of apparel or styles of grooming is to prevent

identifying students as gang members and to prevent non-gang members from being mistakenly victimized.

If the student's behavior or other attribute is in violation of these provisions, the principal or designee shall request the student to make the appropriate correction. If the student refuses, the parent/guardian may be notified and asked to make the necessary correction. The principal shall take appropriate corrective and disciplinary action.

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