

Code: **JFCA**  
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## **Student Dress and Grooming**

Responsibility for dress and grooming rests primarily with students and their parents; however, the district expects student dress and grooming to meet standards which ensure that the following conditions do not exist:

- 1\* Disruption or interference with the classroom learning environment;
- 2\* Threat to the health and/or safety of the student concerned or of other students.

Students who represent the school in a voluntary activity may be required to conform to dress and grooming standards and may be denied the opportunity to participate if those standards are not met.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

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All students are expected to be groomed and to dress appropriately with respect to the following criteria: (This policy effects students during regular school and at all school sponsored activities, including school transportation.)

- Cleanliness --- Students are expected to keep themselves well groomed and neatly dressed so they do not constitute a health or safety hazard.
- Clothing --- All clothing shall be clean and worn in such a fashion as to insure a decent appearance.
- Educational distraction --- Grooming and dress shall be appropriate to the school situation and of a style that is not so unusual or bizarre as to constitute a distraction or cause disruptions in the school or interfere with the educational opportunities of the other students.
- Prohibited clothing --- Clothing that advertise tobacco, drugs, or alcohol, or is obscene, vulgar or profane, or that is revealing (such as mini-skirts, tank tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, see-through, bare midriff, braless, strapless (exception, strapless evening wear may be worn at formal dances), fishnet, spaghetti straps, boxers, spandex or bodysuit as outer garments or which are worn in a revealing manner).
- Shorts --- Shorts such as walking shorts, Bermuda shorts and other shorts of similar length are acceptable and appropriate provided that they are modest and of such cut and fit that they are not revealing. The unsagged length must be mid-thigh or longer on the respective person wearing the attire.
- Holes in shorts or pants --- Holes in shorts or pants may be worn provided that the holes are below mid-thigh when worn unsagged on the respective person wearing the attire.
- Sagged clothing --- Saggs must be worn at least hip height and not reveal underclothing or any natural part of the human anatomy of the person wearing the clothing.
- Hats --- Wearing of hats, caps, bandannas, etc. is prohibited in cafeterias and assemblies. Teachers may prohibit the wearing of hats, caps, bandannas, etc. in their respective classrooms.
- Footwear --- Shoes or sandals shall be worn during school hours and at school-sponsored activities. (No bare or stocking feet).
- Hair styles or dress --- Hair styles or dress that may be hazardous will not be permitted in such areas as shops, laboratories, physical education, arts, etc.
- Clothing that may cause damage --- Articles of clothing that cause physical damage such as cleated boots, shoes that scratch floors, and clothing with metal rivets which scratch furniture are unacceptable.
- Extra-curricular activities and sports --- Clothing normally worn when participating in a school sponsored extra-curricular or sports activity may be worn to school when approved by the Principal/Lead Teacher, sponsor or coach. Examples are cheerleader outfits, drill team and band uniforms, team shirts, accommodations for special occasions such as homecoming or event days at school and the like.

Principals and Lead Teachers are authorized to make this policy more restrictive for their respective schools, but shall not diminish it.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code will be required to find clothing that meets the code or other appropriate action to correct the situation will be taken.

#### ATHLETIC GROOMING

Grooming requirements, including hair length, will vary in accordance to school, sport, coach, community and student characteristics and requirements. The Board of Trustees recognizes and supports these differences.

The Board of Trustees encourages each school's administrative and coaching staffs to develop policies (written) which specify grooming and other related requirements for the benefit of athletes within the school. Feeder middle schools and receiving high schools should articulate and coordinate such policy. The Board further encourages schools to disseminate these written policies to athletic candidates prior to participation.