

STUDENT DRESS CODE REGULATION

As a school district, we recognize that how students choose to dress is often a choice based on personal and cultural expression, as well as comfort and economic means. The spirit of the Student Dress Code policy is to respect these individual rights and circumstances and identify only those areas that impact academic learning and are factors in the overall physical and psychological health and safety of the student body and the adults who serve them. While the policy strives to provide as much clarity as possible, educator discretion is reserved in unique circumstances, especially in cases where physical and/ or psychological safety is in question.

Academic Courses

Some courses may have specific attire and safety regulations.

Clothing Assistance

Clothing assistance will be provided on a limited, as needed basis (homeless, emergency, etc.).

Consequences

The purpose of discipline is to modify individual behavior through positive, progressive and supportive actions whenever possible. Allowable actions include, but are not limited to:

- a. Any action deemed appropriate by the building administrator which may achieve discipline or behavior modification and which does not violate school policies and regulations.
- b. Limited time away from normal school activities to gain composure or modify behavior.
- c. Denial of special privileges which a student may have been given.
- d. Detention before or after school. (Notification will be given twenty-four (24) hours prior to the detention date unless parent, guardian or legal custodian contact is made that same day and the student's transportation needs are resolved.)
- e. Loss of extra-curricular activities.
- f. Nonteaching day attendance.
- g. At the discretion of the building administrator and/ or Director of Student & At-Risk Services.

Exemptions/Appeals

An exemption may be granted due to religious beliefs, medical requirements and JROTC uniform requirements. An exemption request must be submitted in writing to the building administrator. Appeals may be made to the Director of Student and At-Risk Services.

Legal Ref.: *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
Bethel School District v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).
Tinker v. Des Moines Ind. Comm. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).
Bystrom v. Fridley High School, 822 F.2d 747 (8th Cir. 1987).
Torvik v. Decorah Community School, 453 F.2d 779 (8th Cir. 1972).
Turley v. Adel Community School District, 322 F.Supp. 402 (S.D. Iowa 1971).

Sims v. Colfax Comm. School Dist., 307 F.Supp. 485 (Iowa 1970).
Iowa Code § 279.58.

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