

SCHOOLWIDE DRESS CODE

The County Board of Education believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction, which would interfere with the educational process.

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about dress and grooming standards at the beginning of the school year and whenever these standards are revised. Violations shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Gang-Related Apparel

The principal, staff and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code that prohibits students from wearing gang-related apparel when there is evidence of a gang presence that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities. Such a dress code may be included as part of the school safety plan. Schools have the discretion to identify gang related clothing. (EC 35183)

References: Education Code 35183, 35294.1, 48907, 49066
Code of Regulations, Title 5 302;
Harzell v.Connell (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899.

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