
CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT SERVICES, RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Rights & Responsibilities

DRESS & GROOMING

These regulations specify standards of dress and grooming promoting a safe school setting conducive to a positive learning environment consistent with the Board's policy governing acceptable and appropriate apparel and appearance for students.

A. Apparel

All clothing shall be neat, clean and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for school.

- Articles of clothing which display gang symbols, profanity or products or slogans which promoting tobacco, alcohol, drugs or sex; materially interfere with school work; create disorder or disrupt the educational process are not allowed.
- Any clothing or apparel that a student or group of students wear to identify themselves for the purpose of harassing, threatening, or intimidating others will not be allowed. Military, paramilitary, or camouflage attire will not be permitted.
- Extreme fashion that draws undue attention to the student will not be allowed. This includes exotic clothing, exotic jewelry, exotic make-up, body piercing, etc.
- Jackets and other apparel depicting professional sports teams shall not be worn. Jackets or other apparel depicting college or university teams are acceptable unless such team designations are associated with gangs or otherwise conflict with the standards for acceptable apparel.
- Tank tops are not appropriate or acceptable. Shoulder straps on tops worn by females must not be less than two inches (2") in width, and any apparel determined by District personnel to be too revealing is not acceptable.
- Beach wear, swim wear, halter-tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, bare midriffs or chests, see-through or fishnet outfits, or off the shoulder and low-cut tops are not appropriate or acceptable.
- Mini-skirts and culottes are acceptable for females so long as they extend to a maximum of four inches (4") above the knee. Dress that exposes bare midriffs or cleavages is prohibited.
- The wearing of shorts will be permissible. Shorts are to be worn no shorter than six inches (6") above the top of the kneecap, but no shorter than mid-thigh. Shorts are to be hemmed and not form fitting. All sportswear-type shorts, bike shorts (*spandex*) gym shorts, frayed shorts, or shorts with holes are unacceptable. Board shorts are also unacceptable. Appropriate shorts may be worn for physical education activities and athletic practices.
- Straps must be fastened at all times.
- Leggings will be allowed if over garment reaches four inches (4") above the knee.
- Shoes must be worn by all students. No hard-toed or steel-toed shoes/boots will be allowed. No high top, laced up, combat, or military style boots will be allowed. Shoes,

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or sandals without heel straps that do not present a safety concern may be worn by students in grades 7 through 12, except during physical education classes, recess, while participating in school-related athletic competitions, events or activities, or while participating in other activities where safety is a concern. Backless shoes commonly known as “flip-flops,” “beach shoes,” “soccer sandals,” “zories” and/or thongs are inappropriate and will not be allowed. For safety reasons, students in grades pre-school through 6 are not allowed to wear flip-flops, shoes or sandals without a heel strap. See Exhibit No. 2105 (2).

- Excessively baggy pants are not allowed. Pants cannot exceed five inches (5”) when measured at the kneecap of the straightened leg. Pants must fit and be worn at the natural waist. The bottom of the pant leg may not be frayed or drag on the ground. Pants must be hemmed and not stapled, pinned, or taped.
- Oversized shirts that present a safety concern or reflect gang style are not acceptable.
- Hats and/or caps and/or sunglasses must be removed in the classrooms or offices. Specific clothing and hats determined by the school district or school site to be gang-related or inappropriate apparel are not acceptable. Rules relative to college, university, and professional team apparel apply to hats, caps and other types of head coverings. Articles of sun-protective clothing, including, but not limited to, hats and sunglasses, may be used outdoors. Subject to these provisions, sun-protective clothing, headwear, other than caps or hats, will not be allowed at school. School sites may add other restrictions on the type of hats to be worn.
- No frayed clothing is acceptable (manufactured or otherwise).
- Clothing, jewelry and personal items shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive; shall not bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions or likenesses; shall not promote violence, illegal activity, or relate to gang affiliation or activity; and shall not advocate racial, religious, or sexual orientation prejudice.
- Clothes shall be worn as intended and be sufficient to conceal undergarments, which shall be worn and covered at all times.
- Athletic wear as well as fleece sweatpants are not acceptable, with or without a team/designer logo.
- Pro logos on school materials of any kind are not acceptable (binders, folders, backpacks, pens, pencils, etc.)

B. Grooming

- Male haircuts may not fall below the mid-point of a standard stand up shirt collar and earlobes must be visible. All aspects of the grooming standards for hair length must be met without artificial means. This includes placing or tucking hair behind the ears.
- Hair which causes undue attention is not acceptable; i.e., unusual designs, colors, symbols, messages, mohawks, or “tails,” or unusual razor cuts. Complete razor shaving of the head is allowed. Partial razor shaving of the head may be only one inch (1”) above the top of the ear.

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- Beards are not allowed.
- Bangs or other hairstyles must not obstruct nor interfere with vision.

C. Jewelry

- Earrings are not appropriate or acceptable for males as school attire.
- Body piercing (eyebrows, nose, lips, and tongue) is not acceptable.

D. Exemption to Policy

- Religious beliefs, when verified, may be grounds for an exemption to a specific portion of the Dress and Grooming Policy. A petition for an exemption from enforcement of a specified portion of Dress Code Policy may be submitted to the Student Services and School Attendance office.

E. School Uniform Policy

- The decision to pursue a school uniform policy must be initiated by parents and approved by the school S.A.R.T. committee and the site principal.
- A school uniform committee will develop a survey to be sent to all parents regarding their position on a school uniform policy by January 15 of the school year prior to the implementation of a school uniform policy. Prior to the distribution of the survey, the committee must sponsor at least one parent forum or meeting open to all parents for the purpose of information and input.
- In order for a school site to further consider a school uniform, at least a majority of the surveys distributed must be returned and a majority of the surveys returned must support a uniform policy. These majorities are considered minimums and school sites have the discretion to establish more stringent standards of returns and support.
- The Governing Board must be notified by February 1 of the school year prior to the implementation of a school uniform policy.
- The school site shall notify all parents or guardians no less than six (6) months prior to the time the uniform policy is implemented.
- Should a school adopt a uniform policy, resources shall be available to assist economically disadvantaged students, and a procedure for parents/guardians to opt out of the policy shall be in place.

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