

**Regulation 5132: Dress And Grooming**

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**DRESS AND GROOMING**

In cooperation with teachers, students, and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall regularly review school rules and may establish additional school rules that reflect Board Policy governing student dress and grooming. The following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities. The final interpretation of these regulations rests with the administrator(s).

**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. Garments shall be sufficient to appropriately conceal undergarments at all times. Clothing will be worn as it's design was traditionally intended.

1. Sandals or shoes without heel straps are not acceptable (K-5). In grades (6-12) at John Sutter Middle School or Fowler High School, all sandals without heel straps are acceptable. House slippers are not allowed at any time - either during school or at school-sponsored activities.
2. Clothing, including headwear and jewelry, shall be free from writing, pictures, or any other insignia that (1) are crude, vulgar, or profane, (2) are sexually suggestive, (3) represent gangs or gang affiliation, (4) advocate the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, (5) are degrading to the integrity of individual groups and/or advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. The wearing or displaying of colors/apparel that may relate to gang affiliation or the appearance of such or is worn for the purposes of intimidation is prohibited. Administrators may exercise discretionary authority in the determination of whether colors/apparel are being displayed.
4. A hat or cap may be worn if the hat or cap is worn with the bill forward and all logos or symbols meet district dress code requirements. All hats or caps must be taken off while inside school buildings.
5. Hoods and knitted caps without bills may be worn outside only during inclement weather.
6. Any article of clothing that does not fully cover the chest, stomach, and torso - when in a standing position - is not permitted. Shoulder straps on tops must not be less than two inches (2") in width (K-5). All shirts must have sleeves and no off-the-shoulder tops or sleeves are permitted (6-12).
7. Shorts and skirts are acceptable provided students fingertips do not extend past the hem of the shorts when standing. They must be hemmed and cannot be form fitting. Bicycle shorts (i.e. spandex, nylon) are not allowed. Appropriate shorts may be worn for physical educational activities and athletic practices. Shorts in frayed style must be worn over leggings if the frayed area is such that it is in violation of the length rule mentioned above. If the frayed area is below the length of acceptable shorts, leggings are not required. Jeans in a frayed style, which reveal skin, are acceptable as long as the frayed areas are below the length stated above.
8. Pants are to be worn above the hip and conform to district standards of appearance.
9. Excessively saggy or loose-fitting clothing is not acceptable school attire.
10. Jackets, coats, and other apparel depicting professional sports are not allowed.
11. University apparel may be worn on campus and at school events if the mascot's name or picture (logo) is not on the clothing.
  - Acceptable examples: Fresno State, USC, Reedley College
  - Unacceptable examples: Fresno State Bulldogs, USC Trojans, Reedley College Tigers
12. Non-prescriptive sunglasses may not be worn indoors.
13. Haircuts or hairstyles, which cause undue attention, are not acceptable (i.e. unusual designs, symbols, messages, Mohawks, Faux-hawks, or unusual razor cuts, etc.). Complete shaving of the head is allowed.
14. Body piercing (eyebrows, lips, tongue) is not allowed. Nose piercing must be limited to a very small stud that sits flush with the skin. Earrings that may constitute a danger to self or others are unacceptable. Ear gauges (used to stretch the skin of the ear lobe) that are larger than 1/4 inch in diameter are unacceptable.
15. Chains are not allowed at school. This includes, but is not limited to, wallets with chains to attach clothing, heavy necklace chains, and key chains.
16. Students in the Fowler Unified School District are at no time permitted to wear trench coats.
17. Tattoos and hickey marks are not acceptable and must be covered at all times while the student is on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event/activity/games.
18. Pajamas, sleepwear, and house slippers are not allowed at any time during school or at school-sponsored events/activities/games.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

Health and safety grounds and religious beliefs, when verified, may be considered on an individual basis as grounds for an exemption to a specific portion of the Dress and Grooming regulations.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF DRESS AND GROOMING VIOLATIONS:**

### **First Offense:**

1. Warning and/or parent notification to bring clothes to school and/or school loaner clothing
2. Disciplinary Documentation

### **Second Offense:**

1. Parent notification or conference
2. Parent notification to bring clothes to school and/or school loaner clothing
3. Disciplinary Documentation

### **Third Offense:**

1. Parent notification
2. Disciplinary Documentation

*The Dress Code will be reviewed annually.*

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