

**POLICY TITLE: Student Dress Code**  
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It is the policy of this school district that students shall dress in a manner which is appropriate for an effective educational environment. While recognizing the importance of allowing students to express their individuality through their attire, the school is responsible for ensuring that student dress is conducive to a positive and respectful environment for all students. All students are, therefore, required to dress in a manner that promotes a safe and healthy school environment, and is not disruptive of the educational climate and process.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-512

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## **PROHIBITIONS**

The following prohibitions will be enforced when the student is on school premises and may be enforced at any school sponsored event, regardless of location:

1. Students are prohibited from wearing or carrying, clothing, accessories or jewelry, or displaying piercings or tattoos, which, by picture, symbol, or word, depict or allude to any of the following:
  - a. Drug usage, including alcohol and tobacco;
  - b. Controlled substances of any kind;
  - c. Drug paraphernalia;
  - d. Gangs;
  - e. Violence;
  - f. Sexually explicit, lewd, indecent, or offensive material; or
  - g. Illegal acts.
2. If the building administrator or designee has a reasonable belief that gang activity is or may be present in the school, students are prohibited from wearing, using, or carrying, any clothing, jewelry, or other attire or accessories, or displaying tattoos, emblems, symbols, signs, or codes, which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang.
3. **Shirts/Blouses/Tops/T-shirts** – Blouses/shirts should be constructed so that the tops of the shoulders are covered (e.g. no halter tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, or bare shoulder tops of any type will be allowed). Blouses/shirts that expose any portion of the waist, hips, midriff or breast are not allowed. (If you raise your arms to shoulder level and the stomach shows, the top is unacceptable.) Other blouses/shirts that are not appropriate for school include, but are not limited to, low cut, breast revealing, see through, backless, or tube tops. Undergarments (bras, tank undershirts, etc.) will not be visible. Bedroom clothing, pajamas or sleepwear is not allowed.
4. **Shorts/skirts/Pants** – All shorts and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh from the bottom of the knee. Nylon tights, biker pants or boxer shorts worn as an outer garment are strictly prohibited. Slits in the skirts cannot be above mid-thigh. Waistline of shorts/skirts/pants must be on or above the hips with no underwear showing. Bedroom clothing, pajamas or sleepwear is not allowed. All belts must be properly fastened around the waist. The belt will not be excessive in length and will not be hanging from either side of the body.

5. **Headwear – Certain types of headwear will not be worn in the school building.** This includes, but is not limited to hoods, bandanas and bandana headbands, and sunglasses, or any other head covering as determined by building administration. Exceptions may be granted by the principal.
6. **Jewelry and other accessories -** For safety reasons, any clothing that may be used as a weapon is strictly prohibited. For example: sharp object jewelry, dog collars with spikes, and any other spiked clothing. Wallet chains are not permitted.
7. **Shoes –** Health regulations and safety factors require that shoes be worn at all times at school (bedroom shoes are not allowed).
8. **Interpretation and Implementation of Policy**  
The building principal/designee shall use reasonable discretion in interpreting and implementing the provisions of this policy. If a conflict arises in the interpretation of this policy, the interpretation of the building principal/designee shall be final.

#### **Enforcement**

Building principal/designee may deny class entrance to students who are inappropriately dressed until arrangements may be made for their proper attire. Any time missed from classes for failure to adhere to this policy will be deemed unexcused absences. Parents or guardians will be notified each time a student is asked to leave school because of inappropriate attire. Students who are insubordinate or refuse to change the improper attire, or who repeat dress code violations shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion, depending on all the facts and circumstances, for violating the standards of student conduct.

#### **Temporary Exceptions**

In order to allow appropriate attire for a particular educational or school activity, the building principal/designee has the authority to grant temporary exceptions to specific provisions of this policy and related regulations. An example of such an exception might be where a specifically scheduled school event required a group of students to dress unusually on a particular day.

#### **Discipline**

Disciplinary actions for violation of this policy may include suspension and/or expulsion.

#### **Activity Days**

The building principal or designee may determine appropriate attire options for special activity days.

**DEFINITIONS**

1. “Controlled substance” includes, but is not limited to, opiates; opium derivatives; hallucinogenic substances, including cocaine, and cannabis and synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant; any material, compound, mixture, or preparation with substances having a depressant effect on the central nervous system; and stimulants.
2. “Drug” includes any alcohol or malt beverage, any inhalant, any tobacco product, any controlled substance as defined above, any illegal substance, any look-alike or counterfeit drug, any medication not approved and registered by the school authorities, and/or any substance which is intended to alter mood.
3. “Drug paraphernalia” includes all equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designated for use, in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance as defined in this policy.
4. “On school premises or at any school-sponsored activity, regardless of location” includes, but is not limited to, buildings and grounds on the school campus, school buses, school parking areas, and the location of any school-sponsored activity.



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