

Students

DRESS AND GROOMING

SP 5132.00

The County Superintendent believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. Students are expected 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.

Restrictions on freedom of student dress will be imposed whenever the mode of dress in question is deemed by staff to be:

- unsafe or potentially unsafe, either for the student or those around the student;
- disruptive of school operations and the educational process in general;
- contrary to law.

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. A student who violates these standards shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Gang-Related Apparel

The County Superintendent shall review for approval site-initiated plans that prohibit students from wearing gang-related apparel. The definition of gang-related apparel is limited to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the orderliness and security of the school environment, jeopardizing the health and safety of students and others.

Legal Reference:

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Hartzell v. Connell (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Arcadia Unified School District v. California Department of Education, (1992) 2 Cal. 4th 251

Marvin H. Jeglin et al v. San Jacinto Unified School District et al 827 F. Supp. 1459 (C.D. Cal. 1993)

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