

Morgan Hill USD

Board Policy

Dress And Grooming

BP 5132

Students

The Governing Board 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~~clothing that ~~are~~is suitable for the school activities in which they participate. ~~Students' clothing must~~Students shall not ~~present~~wear clothing that ~~presents~~ a health or safety hazard or ~~a distraction which would interfere with~~is likely to cause a substantial ~~disruption to~~ the educational ~~process~~program.

(cf. 4119.22/~~4219.22/4319.22~~ - Dress and Grooming)

District and school rules pertaining to student attire shall be included in student handbooks, may be posted in school offices and classrooms, and may be periodically reviewed with all students as necessary.

Students shall not be prohibited from dressing in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression or with their religious or cultural observance.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

The principal or designee is authorized to enforce this policy and shall inform any student who does not reasonably conform to the dress code. The dress code shall not be enforced in a manner that discriminates against a particular viewpoint or results in a disproportionate application of the dress code based on students' gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, household income, or body type or size.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

~~Students~~School administrators, teachers, and ~~parents/guardians~~other staff shall be informed ~~about~~notified of appropriate and equitable enforcement of the dress and grooming standards at the beginning of the school year and whenever these standards are revised. ~~A student who violates these standards~~code.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

When practical, students shall not be subject directed to appropriate correct a dress code violation during instructional time or in front of other students.

Repeated violations or refusal to comply with the district's dress policy and schools dress codes may result in disciplinary action.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Disruptive Clothing and Gang-Related Apparel

The principal, staff and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code that prohibits students from wearing apparel that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities. This includes gang related apparel, images suggesting violent behavior, or other clothing that could be reasonably determined as offensive. The dress code may be included in the school's comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 35183)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

Uniforms

~~In order to promote student safety and discourage theft, peer rivalry and/or gang activity, the principal, staff and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code requiring students to wear uniforms. Such a dress code may be included as part of the school safety plan and must be presented to the Board for approval. The Board shall approve the plan upon determining that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the school's students.~~

~~If a school's plan to require uniforms is adopted, the~~When determining specific items of clothing that may be defined as gang apparel, the school shall ensure that the determination is free from bias based on race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or other protected characteristics.

Uniforms

The Board may approve a school-initiated dress code requiring students at the school to wear a school uniform whenever the Board determines that such a dress code will promote student achievement, a positive school climate, and/or student safety.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures whereby parents/guardians may choose to have their children exempted from the school uniform policy. Students shall not be penalized academically, otherwise discriminated against, or denied attendance to school if their parents/guardians so decide. (Education Code 35183)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that resources are identified to assist economically disadvantaged students in obtaining uniforms. (Education Code 35183)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

220 Nondiscrimination

32281 School safety plans

35183 School dress codes; uniforms

35183.5 Sun-protective clothing

48907 Student exercise of free expression

49066 Grades; effect of physical education class apparel

~~CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5~~

~~302 Pupils to be neat and clean on entering school~~

COURT DECISIONS

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827 F.Supp. 1459

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Community School District, (1969) 393 U.S. 503

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