

STUDENT CONDUCT
DRESS CODE

FNCA
(LOCAL)

PURPOSE

The District has determined that appropriate dress and grooming positively impact the learning environment. The following dress and grooming provisions are established to instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and to provide and maintain a safe, secure, and stable school climate.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF(LEGAL).

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines set out above and with the student dress code outlined in the student handbook.

UNIFORMS AND
STANDARDIZED
DRESS

Each campus shall adopt and implement rules requiring approved school uniforms or standardized dress. The specific requirements to be implemented on a particular campus shall be determined on an annual basis by a campus committee composed of faculty, parent, and community representatives.

For purposes of this policy, a "uniform" is defined as dress of a distinctive design and specific color(s). "Standardized dress" is defined as dress that adheres to certain stated guidelines concerning tailoring and color options.

SOURCE OF
FUNDING

Upon application by qualified students, the District shall make uniforms or standardized dress available to educationally disadvantaged students in order to enable them to comply with campus requirements. Such uniforms or standardized dress shall be obtained from various sources, including donations from parent-teacher organizations and vendors. Campus funds, including activity funds, shall be utilized to purchase uniforms or standardized dress for qualified students in the event the District is unable to obtain sufficient donations.

EXEMPTION

A parent or guardian of a student may choose for the student to be exempted from the uniform or standardized dress requirements at the student's campus or to transfer to a different campus, provided

that space is available. In order for a student to be eligible for exemption or transfer, the student's parent or guardian must provide a written statement to the Superintendent or designee setting forth a bona fide religious or philosophical objection to the adopted uniform or standardized dress requirement. Such statement must include a specific description of the religious or philosophical belief(s) that are affected by the uniform or standardized dress requirement and a specific explanation of the manner in which the belief(s) will be affected by the requirement.

All such statements initially shall be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Superintendent. In conducting its review, the committee shall consider whether a statement is in the form required by this policy and that the statement reflects that the objection asserted is genuine, such that failure to honor it would impede the student's upbringing or ability to learn.

If the committee concludes that a statement meets the requirements of this policy in all respects, it shall so notify the parent or guardian and campus principal. If the committee concludes that a stated objection is not bona fide, then the matter shall be submitted to the Board for its review. A student will be exempt from uniform or standardized dress requirements while the required statement from the student's parent or guardian is being processed.

GRACE PERIOD

Students enrolling in the District for the first time who previously attended a school outside the District, and students enrolling at a different campus within the District, other than through matriculation, shall have a period of up to 30 calendar days from the date of enrollment within which to comply with the uniform or standardized dress requirements of the assigned campus.

EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor, and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct. [See FO series]