

K-12 and Secondary Dress and Grooming

The Board of Education developed Board Policy 5131 as it believes that the development of attitudes and behavior patterns in dress and grooming should be a part of each student's total educational experience. Dress, hair style or makeup which are of a distracting nature or interfere with the study habits of students in the class or school, shall not be acceptable.

The district is legally and ethically responsible for the establishment of classroom and campus atmosphere which creates the proper conditions and practice of orderly study. The grooming standards that follow are directed towards the fulfillment of this obligation, attending to the concerns of health and safety but granting, where possible, a reasonable expression of individual taste. Reflected with these standards is an appreciation of the current trends in style or fashion, but tempered with restrictions regarding extremes that are *distracting, dangerous or simply out of place at school*.

No restrictions on freedom of dress shall be imposed by the District which may violate a student's civil rights, which impose particular codes of morality or religious tenets, which attempt to dictate style or taste, or which do not fall within the direct or implied powers of the Board of Education.

Periodic review of these standards of personal appearance should involve parents/guardians, teachers, administrators and student representatives.

Clothing worn should correspond with the demands and attributes of the activity in which students participate. Footwear standards are concerned with prevention of accidents and injury. Shoes shall be worn at all times except under specified conditions. Students must also consider physical education requirements in their selection of shoes.

Elementary School Uniforms

The district has a consistent uniform policy for elementary schools for the following reasons:

- Districts that have implemented district-wide uniform policies have found that there is a decrease in behavior that negatively impacts the school and classroom learning environments.
- Districts that have implemented district-wide uniform policies have found that uniforms shift the focus from what children are wearing to what students are learning.
- When a child moves from one district school to another, the same basic uniform will be appropriate at the new school.
- Consistent policies across the district create common expectations that focus on creating powerful learning environments on all campuses.
- A common policy at every site makes families feel they are being treated more fairly and consistently because each site does not have a different policy.
- A common policy creates a common expectation across the district for everyone who comes into daily contact with our children.

Uniforms are required for students in grades **K-8** at the following schools:

- Bridgeway Island Elementary
- Riverbank Elementary
- Westfield Village Elementary

•Elkhorn Village Elementary

•Southport Elementary
•Stonegate Elementary

•Westmore Oaks Elementary

Questions about uniforms?

Please contact your school's principal about the uniform policy for answers to specific school questions. For district level questions, call the Office of Student and Family Support Services.

Uniform Standards

- Tops: solid white or navy with collar, no logos or writing except unobtrusive stitched polo shirt logos; official school logo shirts
- Dresses, skirts, skorts, and scooters; solid khaki or navy (appropriate length)
- Pants and shorts; solid khaki or navy (no jeans)