

Section:	Students and Instruction	
Title:	Student Clothing Policy	3.9

Purpose

To provide student clothing guidelines to support a safe and inclusive learning environment.

This policy applies to all schools within the Mission Public School District with the exception of Hillside Traditional Academy.

Policy

The school District supports individual choice in clothing for students, emphasizing safety and respect.

Student clothing guidelines for individual schools must be gender neutral, and stress:

1. A students' right to individual choice, safety, and respect - for self and others.
2. That clothing worn must be safe and suitable for students to participate in activities such as physical health education, science experiments, fine arts, and/or applied skills as necessary.
3. That hats, headwear, and clothing worn should demonstrate a respect for the school community and meet standards of suitability that are typical of a K-12 Educational Facility.
4. That students must not wear clothing:
 - 4.1. That compromises a safe and inclusive learning environment;
Examples include: language or images that are threatening
 - 4.2. That promotes the use of tobacco, marijuana, illegal drugs, or alcohol;
 - 4.3. That advocates illegal activity;
 - 4.4. That encourages sexism, racism, homophobia, or bigotry.
 - 4.5. That includes insignias, symbols or adornments that denigrate or promote hatred of a person or persons, including, but not limited to, clothing that denigrates or promotes hate based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and / or expression, or age;
 - 4.6. That bears direct or indirect messages or graphics referring to gang culture, sex, pornography, obscene images, weapons, or violence.
5. Other than for religious purposes, health and safety requirements, or where required to accommodate a disability, students must not wear clothing which obscures their face.

Guidelines

1. Schools must publish the student clothing guidelines by September 30th each year and ensure that parents and students are aware of the guidelines.
2. When there are differences in perspective, all involved must seek common understanding in a mutually respectful manner, in consultation with the school principal or vice-principal.
3. Decisions regarding clothing suitability must not be made with a gender or cultural bias, but simply considering the respectful learning and working space.
4. If a student comes to school dressed in clothing that is not suitable for the day's activities, or is contrary to the Board policy, it should be addressed so that it does not cause shame for the student, or loss of learning time. Interventions are to be respectful, restorative, and educational.

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Cross Reference: *Respectful Schools and Workplaces District Code of Conduct Policy*