## **Yuba City USD**

## **Administrative Regulation**

**Dress and Grooming** 

AR 5132

**Students** 

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

- 1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have heel straps. Thongs or backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable for students in grades K-8.
- 2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
- 3. Clothes shall be modest, both standing and sitting, and adequately cover undergarments at all times.
- a. No sheer, strapless, backless, or low cut tops that reveal skin
- b. No bare midriffs
- c. Shirt straps on both shoulders must be a minimum of 1 inch in width
- d. No "sagging" pants which allow for the exposure of undergarments or bare skin
- 4. Clothing shall not be worn that may be considered as possibly dangerous or be used as a potential weapon (i.e. chains, spikes, spurs, etc.).
- 5. Clothing shall not be worn that implies gang affiliation with colors logos, or symbols.
- 6. Hats, head coverings, and sunglasses may be worn outside, but require removal during school hours in all school buildings, except for hallways and gyms. Head coverings worn for religious or medical purposes may be worn at all times. Hats that bear a message or that have been modified to bear a message that is inappropriate for school (as described in BP 5132) will not be allowed.
- 7. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be sprayed by any coloring that would drip when wet.

Standards of Dress may be modified for special occasions (i.e. dances, promotion/graduation, spirit days) with site administration approval.

Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes. District approved athletic and team uniforms may be exempt from the Standards of Dress policy.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

The principal, staff, students and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

## Gang-Related Apparel

The District along with site administrators, staff and parents/guardians, shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received.

Procedures for Violation of Standard of Dress

For an initial violation of the YCUSD Standard of Dress, a student, will be immediately sent to the school office where he/she will be provided loaner clothing and/or opportunity to phone home for a change of clothing. Parent will be notified of the violation by administration. Student will be sent back to class so as to diminish the loss of instructional time.

Upon receiving the second violation, the student may additionally be assigned campus beautification or other consequences deemed appropriate by Administration. The parent will be contacted regarding the second violation.

If the student violates the Standard of Dress a third time in the school year, the parent will be contacted for a conference with Administration and in or out of school suspension may result for defiance.

Uniforms

In schools where a schoolwide uniform is required, the principal, staff and parents/guardians of the individual school shall jointly select the specific uniform to be worn. (Education Code 35183)

At least six months before a school uniform policy is implemented, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this policy. (Education Code 35183)

Parents/guardians shall also be informed of their right to have their child exempted.

The principal or designee shall also repeat this notification at the end of the school year so that parents/guardians are reminded before school clothes are likely to be purchased.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria for determining student eligibility for financial assistance when purchasing uniforms.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a method for recycling or exchanging uniforms as students grow out of them.

Students who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization shall be allowed to wear organization uniforms on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35183)

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