

Regulation JICA

Las Cruces Public Schools

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Responsible Office: Associate Superintendent for Instruction

STUDENT DRESS

I. PURPOSE

To establish the specific guidelines, which define appropriate dress, each school shall develop and publish suitable standards regarding dress and hygiene. Principals/designees have the final authority to decide what is appropriate attire for students during school or while participating in school related activities.

II. BACKGROUND

When the educational process is disrupted, or when a student's appearance or mode of dress is distracting or constitutes a threat to his/her health or safety, the principal or designee will request that the student make a change to his/her attire. Students will be given the opportunity to correct the situation.

III. PROCESS

Students shall follow the school district dress code, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

A. General Provisions

1. Student dress, grooming and personal appearance shall meet reasonable standards of cleanliness.
2. Footwear shall be worn at all times; however, bedroom slippers are prohibited.
3. Hats and sunglasses shall not be worn in the school building; or on school facilities/grounds, except during outdoor activities.
4. Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, eye glasses, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other item which is evidence of membership/affiliation in any gang or which is related to potentially violent or illegal activities is prohibited. Additional prohibited items are listed in Policy JICF – Violent, Gang, and/or Gang-Like Activities, and JICF-R.

5. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, bandanas, or body adornments shall be prohibited if they are or contain any words, symbols, or pictures that:
 - a. Refer to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or any illegal substance or activity; or
 - b. Are of a sexual nature; or
 - c. Are obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd; or
 - d. By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark or other attribute, denote membership in gangs, or clubs which advocate drug use, violence or disruptive behavior; or
 - e. Threaten the safety or welfare of any person; or
 - f. Cause or are likely to cause a disruption to the education environment; or
 - g. Promote any activity prohibited by school district policy or regulation.
6. Inappropriately sheer, tight, loose, or low-cut clothing that bares or exposes the stomach, back, breasts, or buttocks shall be prohibited. Clothing should fit and must **not** be extremely revealing. (For example: very short dresses/skirts, very short shorts, garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar material, and midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, muscle tops, revealing tank tops or sundresses, etc.).
7. Clothing that exposes underwear, or underwear as outerwear.

B. Violations

When the school principal or his/her designee concludes that a dress code violation has occurred, one or more of the following steps will be taken:

1. The student will be asked to contact a parent/guardian in order to return home to make modifications in dress and/or appearance;
2. The school may provide a change of clean, appropriate clothing for the remainder of the day with the intention that the attire in question will not be worn again;
3. A student may be asked to turn the clothing inside-out, or wear something over the attire, with the intention that the attire in question will not be worn again;

4. The student's parents/guardian will be contacted and asked to bring a change of clothing; and
5. A conference with the principal, or his/her designee, by phone or in person, with parents/guardians when a student's violations are habitual.
6. As deemed appropriate by the school principal, the following options may be utilized, but shall not be limited to: in-school suspension/detention, after-school suspension, and loss of recess or other activity/privilege.

C. Dress Code Notification and Awareness

The school principal shall inform the school community, including students and parents/guardians, about the dress code requirements and the possible consequences for violations. Good communication between the school and the parents/guardians will be accomplished through a variety of means including, but not limited to:

1. Telephone calls to parents/guardians to indicate a violation with a child's attire and/or to discuss the school's dress code;
2. A copy of the school dress code provided to parents/guardians and students;
3. Dress code guidelines in student handbooks or other school-to-home communication;
4. A parent/guardian conference with the principal or designee to discuss habitual violations; and
5. Discussion with the School Advisory Committee regarding the school's dress code.
6. Emails to parents/guardians from the school principal or his/her designee; including the use of TeacherEase.

D. Exceptions

1. School administrators will exercise their judgment and individual discretion when enforcing the dress code. Exceptions to this policy may be made by principals/designees to address a specific student's medical, religious, or other similar needs.
2. School administrators may also disallow other attire during the year that may negatively affect the learning environment.

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Associate Superintendent for Instruction

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Date