

# **Santa Barbara School Districts**

## **Board Policy**

**BP 5132**

### **Students**

#### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The general atmosphere of a school must be conducive to learning. If a student's general attire or appearance represents a danger to his/her health or welfare or attracts undue attention to the extent that it becomes a disruptive factor in the school, the principal or his/her designee or teacher will ask the student to make the necessary changes. In the event the change does not take place in the time allowed, the principal or his/her designee will prescribe the necessary action to be taken by the school under the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Education Code and School Board Policies. In addition, it is recognized that the school shares with parents a responsibility for teaching its youth appropriateness of dress. In the interest of health, safety, cleanliness, decency and decorum among students, the following regulations have been adopted by the Board of Education:

In general, wearing apparel will be determined at the discretion of the parent. However, at any time when there is evidence that a choice of clothing or a student's appearance potentially endangers the student's health or safety, or otherwise interferes with the educational process and mission of the school, the school staff will intervene and take corrective action.

- In all matters relating to individual dress and grooming, students are required to exercise good judgment, exhibit responsible behavior and endeavor to reflect respect for themselves, their school and their community.
- Students are expected to follow all school rules governing safety and specialized programs that may require the wearing of protective clothing, safety glasses or other similar requirements.
- Clothing 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 bear any symbol or insignia that is inflammatory or indicates/advocates hatred based on group membership.

- The wearing of clothing which represents any group, gang, organization, or philosophy which advocates violence or disruption, has any history of violence or disruption of the objectives of the school's instructional program is unacceptable.
- Hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn in Junior High/Middle school buildings. Students may wear hats during outdoor activities and classes. Parents must request this in writing.
- Clothes must fit properly and must conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fishnet fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited. Shirts must be worn on campus during the school day. Clothing which is unduly revealing or attire which detracts in any way from the educational mission of the school's instructional program is unacceptable.
- Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

First Offense: Student conference with administration and attire altered.\*  
 Second Offense: 1 – 3 day suspension, attire altered and parent conference.  
 Third Offense: 3 – 5 day suspension, attire altered and parent conference.

\*Prior to sending students to the office/administration for dress code violations, teachers will talk to students about their dress and seek voluntary compliance with the policy.

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