

Category: 8000 STUDENTS	Policy Number: 8614
Policy Title: Student - Dress	Effective Date: August 15, 2012

It is the intent of the Snake River School District to adopt a dress code designed to create an environment in our schools that is conducive to learning and free of potential distraction or danger. The Dress for Success code supports workplace norms for appropriate attire. It is our belief that schools are in the business of learning which necessitates discipline by the individual student in all areas such as language, behavior, attendance, and dress. This dress code applies to both sexes and will be enforced at school sites, at school functions, and on school buses. Students are to observe the following guidelines regarding student attire:

1. Shirts must have a modest neckline (**No cleavage**) and be long enough to cover the midriff (**Front and Back**). No spaghetti straps, tank tops, tube tops, off-the-shoulder tops, halter tops, or muscle shirts will be allowed. No backless, strapless, or half tops are to be worn.
2. Clothes must conceal undergarments (boxers, thongs, undergarment straps, etc.) at all times. No see-through, excessively tight or torn, or revealing attire is permitted.
3. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh in length and/or no shorter than the fingertips when arms are hanging naturally at one's side.
4. Pants must be worn at hip-level or higher as its design was originally intended (**no excessive bagging or sagging**).
5. No pajamas, slippers, or sleep wear of any kind is allowed.
6. Hats, bandanas, hairnets, and other inappropriate head coverings are not allowed.
7. Dark glasses, including but not limited to sunglasses, shall not be worn in school unless a documented, related health problem exists.
8. Shoes must be worn at all times.
9. Students are prohibited from wearing or carrying clothing, accessories or jewelry, or displaying piercing or tattoos, which by picture, symbol, or word, depict or allude to any of the following:
 - Drug usage, including alcohol and tobacco;
 - Controlled substances of any kind;
 - Drug paraphernalia;
 - Gangs;
 - Violence, hate groups, racial separation;
 - Sexually explicit, lewd, indecent, or offensive material; or
 - Illegal acts
10. Visible body piercing or magnetic/glued jewelry on face, eyes, arms, hands, tongue, and feet is prohibited. Earrings and nose studs are allowed. Spikes, chains, wallet chains, studs, bolts, dog collars, needles, pins, sharp objects, or other jewelry deemed unsafe is not allowed at school.
11. Excessive or extreme make-up is not allowed.

There may be exclusions to the dress code policy for religious or health reasons. Disciplinary actions for violation of this policy may include suspension and/or expulsion. The building administrator or designee may determine appropriate attire for special activity days.

Procedure: Procedure 8314p, "Student - Dress"

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PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT DRESS:

A. The District Dress Policy addresses neatness and modesty. Some dress fads are disruptive because they are novel. Other fads are disruptive in nature. The faculty, staff, and administration will be responsible to maintain an educational atmosphere and learning process, free from distractions. Distractions will include student attire.

B. General Dress Guidelines

Clothes will be clean and in a good state of repair. Styles that indicate a slovenly appearance are not appropriate.

Modesty is an expected guideline. Styles that include tank tops, bare midriffs or bare backs or low worn pants that show underwear or buttocks are not acceptable.

Clothes that have offensive slogans or pictures written on them are unacceptable. This includes, but is not limited to, vulgar words, profane or obscene slogans, or dual meaning advertising, particularly those with sexual innuendos. Advertising of any drug, alcohol, or tobacco is inappropriate.

Footwear must be worn.

Gang related dress, behavior, gestures, symbols that could symbolize gang membership are not acceptable.

C. The administrative procedure to be followed while enforcing the District Dress policy shall be:

1. Each faculty/staff member will report to the building principal or designees, any student whose attire is disruptive to the classroom environment, the school environment, and/or distractive to the other students.
2. The principal will invite the parent of any student inappropriately dressed to bring a change of clothing, or to take the student home for a change of clothing.
3. Any student whose attire is disruptive to the educational process or atmosphere may be removed from the classroom or school activity until the distraction has been remedied.
4. Students who repeatedly violate the dress policy may be recommended to the Superintendent and School Board for expulsion.

NOTE: When a student comes to school in inappropriate attire, the parents/guardian of the student will be notified. In this notification, the principal or designee will identify the distractive (disruptive) nature of the attire.