



## Central Unified School District - Dress Code Policies and Procedures

Nothing in this code is to be interpreted to limit the District's responsibility and obligation to enforce unique safety and health requirements. Please note that this dress code is for both sexes, and it will be enforced consistently and fairly at school and at all school sponsored functions and events.

This dress code **applies to both sexes** and will be enforced at school sites, at school functions, and on school buses. These regulations are intended to prohibit dress or grooming practices which:

1. present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or others;
2. interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
3. cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
4. prevent the student from achieving educational objectives
5. incite pupils so as to create a danger of school disruption or the commission of unlawful acts;
6. conflict with this Board's philosophy and goals on the prevention of drug abuse and gang activity.

These regulations prohibit the wearing or displaying of **gang related apparel**, insignia, or other gang identifiers. Gang related apparel" is defined as any item of clothing, accessory, jewelry, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or other attribute, denotes membership in or affiliation with gangs.

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)

1. Pupils must **dress safely**. For example, shoes must be worn at all times at school or during school hours.
  - a. Clothes shall be no more than **one size** larger or one size smaller than the student's regular clothing size. Shirts may not hang beyond mid thigh.
  - b. All clothing must be **worn as its design** was traditionally intended.
2. Pupils must **dress appropriately** for educational activities in which they will participate.
  - a. **Oversized "Baggy"** clothes may not be worn, including but not limited to (shirts, pants, jackets etc.) All pants and shorts must fit at the waist, crotch, and inseam. The length of pants may not exceed 2" beyond the student's measured inseam. **NO SAGGING OF THE PANTS IS ALLOWED.**
  - b. All pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, culottes, and dresses must be **properly hemmed**.
  - c. Clothes shall be **clean** so as not to promote unhealthy or unsanitary conditions. Clothing must be in good condition and not showing excessive wear or exposing skin.
  - d. Dresses, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be at least **mid-thigh lengths**. Shorts can only be a maximum of **eight inches above the knee** (shortest) and/or finger length. No spaghetti strap dresses or tops allowed unless there is an approved top underneath or over; must have appropriate neckline.
  - e. Clothes must be sufficient to conceal **undergarments** at all times. Clothing which exposes the body in a **sexually suggestive** manner, bare midriffs, tube tops, tank tops, or halter tops, etc. are not acceptable. Shoulder straps on tops must not be less than two inches (2") in width.
  - h. No **leggings or tights** may be worn unless they are worn beneath dresses, skirts, skorts, shorts, or culottes.
  - i. **Hats & specified caps** may be worn as protection from sun & weather. Hats must be plain black, orange, white, red or blue, or any Central or Rio Vista hat & must be worn facing forward & must not be worn inside school facilities or in classrooms. Bandannas aren't allowed.
  - k. **Dark glasses** may not be worn inside unless a documented, related health problem exists.
  - l. **Belts** must fit properly, go through the belt loops, and may not hang. Brass belt buckles having cut out initials are not permitted.
  - m. **Pajama bottoms** may not be worn at school unless a designated school spirit day has been declared.
3. Clothing and jewelry shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are **crude, vulgar, profane, obscene, libelous, slanderous, or sexually suggestive**. Clothing or jewelry that advocates racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice, or other unlawful acts, or the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol is prohibited. This includes anything attached to tablets.
  - a. Clothing that depicts **college or professional sport logos/mascots** is prohibited. Clothing that depicts the names, insignias, or logos associated primarily with college or university academic programs and is not associated with gangs or otherwise conflict with the standards of acceptable apparel is permitted.
  - b. **Backpacks** shall be neat, clean, and free of any student writing except students proper name may be displayed once for identification purposes.
4. **Earrings** are to be worn in ears only. No facial or tongue **piercing** is allowed. AR 5132 (d)
5. **Hair style** shall be clean and neatly groomed. Haircuts or hairstyles that draw undue attention to the wearer or detract from the educational process are not acceptable (i.e. unusual designs, colors, symbols, razor cuts, & the like.)

6. Attire that may be used as a **weapon** may not be worn (e.g. steel-toed boots, chains, items with spikes, studs, etc.)
7. Pupils shall not display any material or paraphernalia which incites a disruption of the school process or creates a clear and present danger of either the **commission of unlawful acts** on school premises or the violation of District or school site policies or rules.
8. **Gang-related** apparel or paraphernalia, including symbols, emblems, insignias, or other gang identifiers, may not be worn or displayed. This rule prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denotes membership in or affiliation with gangs. In case of doubt as to whether an item is gang related, the principal or designee will consult with law enforcement or other school personnel with expertise in gangs.
9. **Any** apparel, hairstyle, cosmetics, accessory, or jewelry, even if not specifically mentioned above, that creates a safety or health concern or tends to detract from the education process, is prohibited.
10. All **tattoos** must be covered at all times.

Limited written exceptions to the district dress code policy may be made by the principal for special days, special events, or other unusual circumstances. Copies of this policy shall be given to students. Student violations of these regulations are deemed willful defiance of the valid authority of the school principal, punishable as follows:

a. First Offense:

1. Verbal warning and counseling/Parent notification;
2. The parent will be notified to bring acceptable clothing or the student will be supplied with a suitable garment from the site, if available;
3. Documentation of incident;
4. Parent/Student will be given a copy of dress code regulation as reference for future use. Parent must sign the form and the student must return the signed form on the following day. If the student AR 5132 (e) does not return the form, he/she will have up to one day in the Responsibility Center (7-12)

b. Second Offense:

1. Parent Conference (verbal phone or in person);
2. Parent will be notified to bring acceptable clothing or the student will be supplied with a suitable garment from the site, if available;
3. One day in the Responsibility Center (7-12)
4. Documentation of incident;
5. Parent/Student will be given a copy of dress code regulation as reference for future use.

c. Third Offense:

1. Parent Conference;
2. The parent will be notified to bring acceptable clothing or will be supplied with a suitable garment from the site, if available;
3. One day Responsibility Center (7-12) and one day Saturday school;
4. Parent/Student will be given a copy of the dress regulations as a reference for future use or will acknowledge his/her prior receipt of dress code regulations.

d. Fourth Offense:

1. Parent conference;
2. One to five days suspension;
3. Student contract.

e. Fifth Offense:

1. Parent conference;
2. One to five days suspension and possible recommendation for alternative placement or expulsion

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_