

# Caliente Union School District

## Administrative Regulation

### Dress and Grooming

AR 5132

### Students

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Governing Board policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed. (cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

**Clothing shall be sensible and not distract from the educational experience while taking into account the safety of each student. i.e. piercings other than ears and any visible tattoos. In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:**

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip Flops or backless shoes are not allowed. **Sandals** are not allowed; shoes must have back straps and closed toes. Shoes having strings must be tied to fit. No heels over 2 inches.
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. **Sunglasses, hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn except outdoors for sun protection. Students may wear a full-brimmed hat only, no caps. Sunglasses are not permitted at other times without prescription. Sunscreen may be carried with student and used without a doctor's prescription. Special circumstance variance has to be granted by the School Board.** (Education Code 35183.5)
4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, razor backs, halter tops, off-the-shoulder, low-cut tops, or tops with straps less than 2 inches in width (tops must cover all undergarments), and bare stomachs are prohibited. Form fitting pants (leggings, biker shorts, tights, etc...) must be worn with a mid-thigh length shirt, skirt, shorts, or dress. Skirts, dresses, or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited. No pajama bottoms. All pants should be **waist-fit** or with a belt. "Sagging", chains, or gang attire is prohibited. All shirts must have the ability to be tucked in.  
**Amendment** During PE or at recess if you are making physical moves no skin at midriff should be showing, nor if arms are raised should skin at midriff be showing. If student is asked to perform a dress check, no skin shall show.
5. No tattoos or visible body piercings. This does **not include ear piercing**. [Penal code sections 19.8, 652, 653]
6. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be sprayed by any coloring that

would drip when wet.

**Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes – including dangling earrings.**

(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

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school safety plan 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. 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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