

Colton Joint Unified School District

Jerry Almendarez, Superintendent



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of the student dress and grooming regulations are to maintain safe and orderly environments, to promote modesty, and to encourage students to dress appropriately and to come to school properly prepared for participation in the educational process.

A student may not remain at school or at school activities dressed in a manner which (1) creates a safety hazard for said student or for other students, (2) constitutes a serious or unnecessary distraction to the learning process, (3) tends to disrupt the campus order, or (4) is in conflict with the District's goals and philosophy of the prevention of substance abuse and gang activity.

Parents have the primary responsibility to see that students are properly attired for school. School personnel have the responsibility for maintaining proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning by enforcing District policy. At the Principal's discretion, school personnel are to enforce all guidelines relating to the following regulations. These guidelines shall be in effect at all school-related activities except where modified by the site administrator for specific extra-curricular activities or specific cases.

In case of questionable dress and/or grooming not covered by the guidelines, the site administrator and/or law enforcement personnel will determine the appropriateness and make the final decision.

1. No head coverings are allowed to be worn on school grounds except for sun protective hats that fit the following description: must be plain white, tan, or neutral color canvas with a 2-4 inch brim that follows the entire circumference of the hat. It must be flexible so to fit in a pocket, backpack, purse, book bag or locker. It may not be altered or customized in any way and the chinstrap or strings must match the color of the hat and may not be worn indoors. The hat may include the official school logo. ONLY during inclement weather (as determined by the site principal) may hoods or unadorned beanies be worn outdoors.
2. Clothing, accessories, body art, and/or personal items including, but not limited to, backpacks and folders, shall be free of writing, pictures, or other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive, which bear weapons, drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions, and likeness, or which advocates gang affiliations, ethnic, racial, or religious prejudice.
3. Any clothing or accessory that is a safety hazard to the wearer or others is not allowed.
4. Clothing shall be sufficient enough to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through fabrics, halter tops, tube tops, strapless or off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs/midsection, and skirts, shorts, or rips in jeans shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited. Sleepwear/loungewear (including but not limited to pajama bottoms and slippers) is prohibited. Excessively baggy pants/shorts, banded or tucked pant leg bottoms, and hanging belt straps are not allowed. Skin must be visible between shorts and knee high socks.
5. Any attire or accessory containing a professional sport team name or logo is prohibited.
6. Students shall be permitted to wear College attire or accessories.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times. For elementary and middle school only: sandals must have heel straps. Flip-flops or backless shoes are not acceptable.

8. Glasses, other than prescription, shall not be worn inside school buildings or outside of buildings if they are a disruption to school activities.

9. Student Identification Badges will be supplied by each Middle School and High School. While on campus during the school day students must have their own ID Badges in their possession and readily available to show when a District staff member requests a student to identify themselves by their ID Badge. The badge may not be defaced or altered in any way (not to be covered by pins, stickers, etc.).

Each school will develop their own ID Badge replacement policy; however, a minimal charge will be assessed each time a replacement is issued. This policy will be published and made known to parents and students through their handbook or other means of communication. The students who have financial difficulty will be offered alternatives to this charge.

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First Offense

1. Verbal warning and counseling, students will change **into** acceptable clothing.
2. **Parent notification.**
3. **Written documentation of incident.**

Second Offense

1. **Lunch/recess/after school detention, or warning.**
2. **Parent notification.**
3. **Written documentation of incident.**

Third Offense

1. **Other means of correction**
2. **Suspension, in-school**
3. **Parent conference.**
4. **Written documentation of incident.**

Further violations may result in an outside suspension

Further violations will result in further disciplinary action.

Education Code 48900 (k): “Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.”

If any provision of this policy or administrative regulation is held to be invalid or unenforceable by the final decision of a court or competent jurisdiction, all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Sincerely,



Jerry Almendarez
Superintendent