

Student Dress

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that the student's dress and grooming shall not:

- a. Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming shall disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives.
- b. Create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others.
- c. Create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence; or
- d. Imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design, emblem upon any school or personal property or one's person.

Students identified as being gang involved, influenced or affiliated shall be provided assistance and/or programs which discourage gang involvement or affiliation, enhance self-esteem, encourage interest and participation in school or other positive activities and promote membership in authorized school organizations.

The principal, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity if the principal reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming:

- a. Creates a hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others.
- b. Shall prevent, interfere with or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the principal shall notify the parent, if reasonably possible, and request that person to make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent refuse, the principal shall take appropriate disciplinary action. Students may be suspended, if circumstances so warrant. Students who violate provisions of the dress code relating to extracurricular activities may be removed or excluded from the extracurricular activity for such period as the principal may determine. All students shall be accorded due process safeguards before any corrective action may be taken.

Body Jewelry

This directive is consistent with guidelines from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Wearing jewelry is prohibited during physical education and athletic activities with the exception of religious or medical medals that are taped to the body under the uniform without a chain. These prohibitions include, but are not restricted to:

- a. Earrings even if covered by tape.
- b. All other visible jewelry even if covered by tape.
- c. Fish line or other spacer through a piercing to keep the hole from closing.
- d. Bracelets of any type. (Includes *Live Strong* type bracelets)

The responsibility to monitor and enforce this directive is high. Employees who have not complied with these directives have been found negligent in not following district expectations and requirements. The result of willful negligence is personal liability not covered by school district property and liability insurance, and an employee not eligible for District provided legal counsel.

In practice, provide students notice that this requirement will be strictly enforced. Students in PE, and those that participate in co-curricular athletics, need to remove all visible piercings or adornments.

Given these requirements, a student would be wise to schedule piercing during extended breaks, or summer months, to allow adequate healing of new piercings so they can easily be removed during activities.

A student's failure to comply shall result in removal from PE and athletic activities, therefore forfeiting participation in the assigned activity and any resulting academic credit for that class session(s).