

Millville ESD

Administrative Regulation

Dress and Grooming

AR 5132

Students

The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to wear clothing that is suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students shall not wear clothing that presents a health or safety hazard or causes a substantial disruption to the educational program.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

Dress Code

1. No clothing jewelry or personal items that bears statements or pictures that are obscene or profane, advocates immoral, illegal, sexual, or violent behavior or refers to death, alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs, violence, Satanism, racism, gang-related, makes sexual innuendos, or bears images of weaponry of any kind will be allowed.

2. No clothing that bears statements or symbols of disrespect directed against the school, the law, other students, or other reasonable authority will be allowed.

3. Tops

- a. All tops must be at least two (2) inches below the waistband so as not to bare the midsection of the body through natural movement, including raising hands over head.
- b. Halter tops, tube tops, net tops, oversized tank tops/ tank tops with gaping armholes (see exception in #3f), transparent tops, spaghetti straps, low-cut tops, bustiers, backless tops and plunging necklines are not acceptable at any time.
- c. Straps of all tops must be a minimum of one (1) inch wide.
- d. Undergarments shall not be visible.
- e. Racer backs are allowed as long as all undergarment straps are not visible.
- f. Tank tops with gaping armholes or that are oversized are not allowed unless a shirt is worn underneath.

4. No item of clothing can be see-through..

5. Shorts

- a. Shorts must fall within 2" of mid-thigh.
- b. Compression shorts worn under skirts must follow dress code.

6. Dresses, Skirts and Skorts

- a. Dresses, skirts and skorts must fall 3" above the knee unless worn with leggings then can fall mid thigh.

7. Sweatpants

- a. Sweatpants may be worn as long as they are in good condition (no holes).

8. Shoes

- a. Closed toed shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes must have a heel or back strap. Students are not allowed to wear flip flops, sandals, open toed shoes, metal tapped shoes or metal tapped boots to school.
- b. Shoe heels should not be higher than 1" on non-athletic shoes with the exception of school dances where shoe heels should be no higher than 2".

9. Frayed shorts/skorts and skirts are allowed, however the frayed edges of the articles of clothing are not part of the measurement of #5 & #6. The non- frayed part of the clothing must follow dress code items #5 & #6 respectively.

10. Any tears and rips in pants must fall below 4 inches above the knee.

11. Pants must stay at the waist without the use of a belt or suspenders.

12. Make-up should always be age appropriate and tasteful. Make-up is not to be applied at school.

13. Pajama wear is not allowed.

14. Proper weather protection (sunglasses, hats, scarves) will be allowed on the playground at the discretion of teachers, administrators and yard duty aides. All items must be worn in the manner intended. Items used inappropriately will be collected and returned at the discretion of the teacher, administrator or yard duty aide.

15. Hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn indoors, unless required by a student's religious beliefs.

16. No gang-related clothing with symbols (which include hand signs, graffiti, or gestures), or paraphernalia are permitted on campus or at any school activities (i.e., bandanas, gang-affiliated colors, coveralls with straps hanging down, etc.).

17. The Dress Code applies to ***all school events***, including, but not limited to: Back to School Night, Open House, Winter Program, school dances, field trips and any off campus event that the school is hosting.

(Coaches and teachers may impose more, or less, stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes adhering as close to the dress code as practicable.)

(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 may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

Gang-Related Apparel

Whenever the school adopts a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or at 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 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.

Consequences for Dress Code Violations

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about the school dress code at the beginning of the school year and when revised. A student who violates the dress code may be required to wear clothing provided by the school. Parents will be notified by email if their child has experienced a dress code violation.

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