

## STUDENTS

### Student Dress

Preserving a beneficial learning environment and assuring the safety and well-being of all students are primary concerns of the Snohomish School District. Students' choices in matters of dress should be made in consultation with their parents. Student dress will only be regulated, when, in the judgement of school administration, there is a reasonable expectation that:

1. A health or safety hazard will be presented by the student's dress or appearance;
2. Damage to school property will result from the student's dress; or
3. A material and substantial disruption of the educational process will result from the students' dress.

For the purpose of this policy, a material and substantial disruption of the educational process may be found to exist when a student's dress is inconsistent with the educational mission of the school district. Students must wear:

- Clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent and shoes.
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric that covers the front, back, mid-drift and sides.
- Clothing must cover undergarments.
- Fabric covering all private parts must not be see through.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- Courses that include attire as part of the curriculum (for example, professionalism, public speaking and job readiness) may include assignment-specific clothing.

Prohibited dress includes:

- Offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech and pornography.
- Images or language depicting or advocating violence or the use of tobacco, vaping, alcohol or drugs.
- Attire that intentionally shows private parts.
- Apparel identified by local law enforcement as belonging to or identifying with of any gang, violent or criminal group.

The uniforms of nationally recognized youth organizations, and clothing worn in observance of a student's religion are not subject to this policy.

Dress code enforcement will not:

- Create disparities, reinforce or increase marginalization of any group, nor will it be more strictly enforce against student because of racial identity, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, gender nonconformity, sexual orientation, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size/type, or body maturity.
- Result in unnecessary barrier to school attendance.

The Superintendent will establish procedures applicable to all district schools providing guidance to students, parents and staff regarding appropriate student dress in school or while engaging in extracurricular activities.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy No. 3220	Freedom of Expression
Legal References:	RCW 28A.320.140	Schools with special standards – dress codes
	WAC 392-400-215	Student rights
	WAC 392-400-225	School district rules defining misconduct – Distribution of Rules
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