
AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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APS Code: JICA

STUDENT DRESS CODE

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to promote a school environment which facilitates student achievement, helps students concentrate on schoolwork, reduces discipline problems, improves school order and safety, and encourages school pride and unity. The Board recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(1)(J)

CROSS REFS.: IMDB, Flag Displays
JICC, Student Conduct on Buses
JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
JICI, Weapons in School
JK.1, Student Discipline - District Conduct and Discipline Code
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students

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In order to maintain a school environment which is safe and conducive to learning, all clothing must be appropriate so as not to disrupt the learning environment and not interfere with the health, safety and welfare of any person.

The following items are deemed to be unacceptable to wear to school:

- Shorts, dresses, skirts or other similar clothing that are so short as to be immodest and/or create a distraction
- Sunglasses, hats, and/or head coverings (e.g., hoodies, bandanas, and doo rags) worn inside the building
- Inappropriately sheer, tight or low-cut clothing (e.g., midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar material, muscle tops, etc.) that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts
- Clothing worn in such a way as that undergarments can be seen
- Any clothing (including outward), grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures, etc., that:
 - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
 - Are of a sexual nature
 - By virtue of color, trademark, or other attributes denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior
 - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
 - Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
 - Promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct
 - Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process

School principals, in conjunction with the school accountability committee and/or other parent group, may develop and adopt school-specific dress codes that are consistent with this policy.

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If any unusual situation relative to dress or grooming arises which is not specifically covered in this regulation, the building principal shall have the authority to rule on the appropriateness of the attire.

School Activities:

Appropriate athletic clothing may be worn in physical education classes. Clothing normally worn when participating in school-sponsored extracurricular or sports activities (such as cheerleading uniforms and the like) may be worn to school when approved by the sponsor or coach and principal.

Religious and Health Accommodations:

Where a bona fide religious belief or health need of a student conflicts with the school dress code, reasonable accommodations shall be provided. A principal may request a student to provide the justification for an accommodation to be made. Approved coverings worn as part of the student's bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy.

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