DRESS POLICY

The Corona-Norco Unified School District's Board of Education is legally and ethically responsible for the establishment of classroom and campus environments that are conducive to an orderly and productive educational program. The dress and grooming standards of this policy are required to meet this responsibility and establish minimum standards in the schools of the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

Dress and grooming should fit the school situation. Standards of appearance require careful implementation. In all cases, neatness, health and safety, and appropriateness shall be observed. The Superintendent shall implement regulations that will provide for the enforcement of the requirements included in the California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Division 2, Section 302:

"A pupil who goes to school without proper attention having been given to personal cleanliness or neatness of dress, may be sent home to be properly prepared for school, or shall be required to prepare himself (herself) for the schoolroom before entering."

The following minimum standards shall be enforced in the Corona-Norco Unified School District in order to meet the requirements of the California Code of Regulations regarding grooming, dress, and appearance and the Education Code regarding free expression:

A. Any clothing, makeup, hairstyle or wig that has been demonstrated to contribute to the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school is inappropriate / unacceptable for school attire. Dress should be suitable and comfortable for normal school activities. Clothing should correspond with the demands and purpose of the activity in which students participate. Clothing should be clean and in good repair.

B. Skirts and shorts shall be worn at an appropriate/acceptable length for sitting as well as standing so that undergarments shall not show. Skirts and dresses may be of any style if all slits, openings and the length are no higher than half the distance between the knees and waist and do not expose one's underclothing. No undergarments or posteriors shall show.

C. Pants must fit at the hip so they will stay on without a belt.

D. Footwear must be worn at all times and have hard soles. (Tennis shoes are appropriate/acceptable, soft-soled slippers are unacceptable).
E. Apparel with emblems, printing, etc., that are obscene, libelous, or slanderous, or that incite students as to create a clear and present danger are not permitted on campus and may not be worn. Skin art, which is obscene or libelous or so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises, must be covered.

F. The following items of clothing are considered inappropriate/unacceptable for school attire:

1. Strapless, halter tops, or tube tops
2. Bare midriffs (no skin showing)
3. Undergarments showing
4. Chains or weapons (chains such as those attached to belts, pockets, or wallets present a safety hazard)
5. No shirts
6. Lack of undergarments
7. Shirts, tops or sweaters unbuttoned below the sternum
8. Bathing suits (except in the swimming pool areas and locker rooms)
9. Hats, visors of any kind, or sunglasses inside classrooms or office areas
10. Electronic equipment, including remote control devices, personal stereos and recording equipment

Other items or manner of wearing clothing may also be inappropriate / unacceptable according to A-F above.

Each school site council may adopt as part of their comprehensive school safety plan, a school-wide dress code that prohibits pupils from wearing gang related apparel, following the receipt of input from students, parents and staff, and written confirmation from local law enforcement of the types of gang related apparel present on campus. The plan shall define ‘gang related apparel’ that, if worn or displayed on a school campus, reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment, upon a finding of necessity by the Board of Education.

Legal References: California Code of Regulations Title V, Section 302:
Education Codes 32281, 35183 35291, 48907, 48901.5

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