(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 help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The BOCES 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.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to change into appropriate clothing or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately. In this case, there shall be no further penalty.

If the student cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, on the first offense, the student shall be given a written warning and an administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians. On the second offense, the student shall remain in the administrative office for the day and do schoolwork and a conference with parents/guardians shall be held. On the third offense, the student may be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action in accordance with BOCES policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.

Unacceptable Items

The following items are deemed disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school and are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds, or at school activities:

1. Shorts, dresses, skirts or other similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh length
2. Sunglasses and/or hats worn inside the building
3. 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
4. Tank tops or other similar clothing with straps narrower than 1.5 inches in width
5. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
   - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
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- Are of a sexual nature
- By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute 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

Exceptions

Appropriate attire is required for participation in Fieldwork and/or Adventure Based Travel.
Students are provided a “gear list” prior to departure of all Adventure Based Travel. In the event a
student does not own an item on the “gear list,” he/she is required to communicate with the
Adventure Coordinator and/or Adventure Coordinator Designee to rent at no charge the item from
the Adventure Department. This accommodation must be completed prior to the day of departure.
Any student unprepared for travel departure after equipment check is complete may be unable to
participate in Fieldwork and/or Adventure Based Travel for the safety and welfare of each student.

Appropriate athletic clothing may be worn in physical education classes or clothing normally worn
when participating in school-sponsored extracurricular or sports activities

The executive director in conjunction with the school accountability committee, may develop and
adopt school-specific dress codes that are consistent with this policy.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(J) (board duty to adopt student dress code)

CROSS REFS.: JBB*, Sexual Harassment
JIC, Student Conduct
JICDA, Code of Conduct
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students
JICI, Weapons in School
JK, Student Discipline
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students