

STUDENT CODE OF DRESS K - 12

Granite City CUSD #9 encourages a standard in behavior, dress, grooming, and appearance that reflects pride in self, home, and school. Student dress should not disrupt the educational process or be a safety or health hazard. The Superintendent can amend this policy at any time if circumstances deem it necessary.

I. General Rules:

A. Pants, Skirts, Skorts, Shorts

- a. Must be worn without holes, rips, or tears
- b. Must be worn at waist level
- c. Length must be below the fingertips

B. Shirts, Sweatshirts, Dresses, Jumpers, Sweaters, Hoodies:

- a. Must be worn without holes, rips, or tears
- b. Students will be allowed to wear school issued athletic jerseys/shirts, per coach's guidelines
- c. Shirts must have sleeves

C. Belts/Suspenders

- a. Must be properly buckled and may not dangle
- b. No wallet chains or belt chains allowed

D. Shoes

- a. All students will wear shoes or approved footwear
- b. Shoes with laces must be tied
- c. Shoes with a back or back strap must be worn at all times. Flip flops are not allowed. (K-6)
- d. Roller skates, roller shoes, roller blades, or cleated footwear are prohibited

II. Additional Requirements:

- A. The Seven B's that should not be visible at GCSD9 Schools: Bras, Bellies, Bottoms, Backs, Bandanas, Boxers, and Bedroom Attire.
- B. No hats, headgear, hoods, or sweatbands worn in the building at any time.
- C. Clothing must be worn properly and fit appropriately.
- D. Clothing that contains or suggests vulgar, profane, or inappropriate wording or images, pictures of illegal substances, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexual activity, violence, or racial context are not permitted.
- E. In classes where certain machinery and equipment is operated, individual teachers will cover guidelines on proper dress for students, including hair length and proper protection
- F. Hair must be clean, of natural color, without curlers and not distracting or disruptive to the educational process. No grooming items may be stored in the hair

- G. Gang-related apparel or accessories (as defined by area police agencies) are not allowed at any time in school or at school events. Tattoos related to hate groups or which are sexual or violent in nature must be kept covered.
- H. Excessive or unnecessary makeup is not allowed. Makeup, perfume, and hairspray should not be applied in the classroom or cafeteria, it should be applied in restrooms or locker rooms only (Some people are allergic to these items; please respect their limitations.)
- I. Medical and religious-related needs must be properly documented in the school office before administrative permission will be considered to alter this policy
- J. Body jewelry other than items worn in the hair, on the hand, wrist, ankle or ear lobe, are not permitted. Body piercing is limited to the nose (small stud only, no hoop or rod), ear, or ear lobe.
- K. Jewelry and other ornamentation are permissible except those espousing violence, obscenities, harassment, or that may be a possible hazard to the wearer or other students are not permitted. Large hoop pierced earrings are prohibited for the safety of the wearer.
- L. Contact lenses must be clear or of a natural eye color/shape. Eye wear and sunglasses that may become a distraction to the educational process are prohibited.

Principals and District administrators have the final authority to determine what is acceptable and not acceptable under this dress code and may alter the policy to accommodate school spirit events.

III. Consequences

A. Elementary and Intermediate

Warning for all students in agenda book, at opening day assembly or day of enrollment

- 1st – Parent called to bring change of clothes
- 2nd – Parent called to bring clothes, noon detention
- 3rd – Parent called to bring clothes and schedule conference with principal, and three (3) day noon detention
- All subsequent violations will be dealt with by building Administration.

B. Secondary

Warning for all students in student handbook, at opening day assembly or day of enrollment

- 1st - Parent contact to bring change of clothes
- 2nd – Parent contact, student placed in hourly ISS until change of clothes provided.
- 3rd – Parent contact, students will be placed in 1 day ISS
- 4th – Parent contact, students will be placed in 2 days ISS
- All subsequent violations will be dealt with by building Administration.

All consequences are subject to the discretion of the Building Principal.

IV. Religious Exemptions

The parent or legal guardian of a student (or a student who is 18 years of age or older) may object to the student's compliance with any portion of this STUDENT CODE OF DRESS K-12 Policy based upon a sincerely held religious belief. In order to object, the parent or legal guardian (or student who is 18 years of age or older) shall submit a written statement which responds to the following questions:

- What is the basis for the request for religious exemption?
- What religious teaching, religious belief or religious practice prohibits compliance with this student dress code policy?

In addition, all written objections must be accompanied by a signed statement of either a religious official, (such as minister, rabbi, imam, or other) or another person who can verify the nature and good faith basis of the sincerely held religious belief. The Superintendent or his designee shall review all objections to the STUDENT CODE OF DRESS K-12 Policy. Students with legitimate religious objections shall not be required to comply with those portions of the STUDENT CODE OF DRESS K-12 Policy which conflict with such good faith, religious requirements. If the application for religious exemption is denied, the student applying for the exemption may appeal the determination to the Board of Education who will review the application and make a determination within 30 days of the appeal.

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