

## **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

1.0 School districts are required by Colorado law to adopt policies that define and prohibit students from wearing apparel that is deemed disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

2.0 It is the philosophy of Adams 12 Five Star Schools that appropriate school attire should meet workplace standards and should not distract from the learning environment. Clothes should fit appropriately and the body should be sufficiently covered so as to avoid distracting others.

### LEGAL REFERENCE:

C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2)(a)(IX) (Requirement of Adoption of Specific Policy Concerning Dress Code)

### CROSS REFERENCES:

Superintendent Policy Code: 5140.2 (Gangs, Secret Societies and Disruptive Groups)

Adams 12 Five Star Schools

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1.0 In order to promote a safe environment that focuses on education and minimizes distractions students are expected to abide by the following general guidelines:

1.1 Shirts must be fitted and long enough to naturally touch the top of the lower garment and/or be tucked in;

1.2 shirts must cover the shoulders;

1.3 all attire should be sized to fit without exposing undergarments, buttocks, stomachs or cleavage;

1.4 shorts and skirts must be fingertip length when arms are resting at sides;

1.5 shoes/sandals must be worn at all times.

2.0 Restrictions upon freedom of student dress will be imposed, at the discretion of school administration, whenever the mode of dress in question is potentially unsafe for the student or others, or is destructive, disruptive or otherwise distracts from or interferes with the educational environment of the school. The following items or clothing are specifically prohibited:

2.1 Spaghetti straps, tank tops and halter tops;

2.2 transparent/mesh clothing;

2.3 make-up that makes a student unidentifiable;

2.4 exposed undergarments;

2.5 pajamas and house slippers;

2.6 shirts with revealing necklines or armholes;

2.7 shirts hanging longer than the fingertips when arms are fully extended;

2.8 sunglasses or caps worn indoors;

2.9 gloves worn indoors;

2.10 hairnets, bandanas, and du-rags;

2.11 caps, athletic headbands and armbands (prohibited indoors except when the wearer is participating in a sporting event);

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2.12 clothing or accessories that promote drugs, alcohol or tobacco either by brand or message;

2.13 clothing or accessories with sexually suggestive language or messages;

2.14 clothing or accessories that promote violence, criminal activity, intimidation or intolerance of others (based on religion, ethnicity, gender or lifestyle);

2.15 clothing or accessories that could readily be used as a weapon or might otherwise injure the wearer, including items with spikes or loose hanging chains;

2.16 attire, accessories or manners of grooming indicative of affiliation with a gang, secret society or disruptive group as defined in Superintendent Policy 5140.2. This includes, but is not limited to clothing, gang-related colors or numbers, bandanas, sports logos/apparel, make-up, hats, emblems, trademarks, badges, insignia, logos, belt buckles, colored shoe strings, and jewelry;

2.17 trench coats and other like jackets capable of easily concealing weapons;

2.18 clothing or accessories affiliated with Insane Clown Posse, including all items related to the band's record label "Psychopathic Records" and other groups it sponsors in addition to Insane Clown Posse, including but not limited to Twiztid, Blaze, BoonDox, Psychopathic Rydaz and Dark Lotus; and

2.19 Professional athletic team attire.

3.0 Dress guidelines for special events or school-sponsored purposes, including but not limited to dances, extra-curricular activities, and fundraisers shall be at the discretion of school administration based upon the nature of the particular event. Students may avoid the risk of being asked to leave or change clothing at an event by having attire approved in advance by an administrator.

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4.0 Uniforms may be required as provided by law and Superintendent Policy.

5.0 Students who violate or are suspected to be in violation of this policy shall be referred to school administration for investigation. Depending on the nature of the violation and level of safety concern caused by the violation as determined by school officials, sanctions up to and including 10-day suspension may be imposed for any single violation of this policy.

6.0 Except when other contributing policy violations or safety concerns exist in combination with violations of this policy, the typical progression of intervention for violations of this policy shall be as follows:

6.1 **1<sup>st</sup> Offense** – warning and education about the policy and the student being provided an opportunity to correct the violation.

6.2 **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** – sanctions up to one (1) day out-of-school suspension and requirement that parent and student review and sign a statement indicating their understanding of the “Student Dress Code” policy.

6.3 **3<sup>rd</sup> Offense** – sanctions up to three (3) days out-of-school suspension and required parent meeting as a condition of re-entry for the purpose of reviewing the “Student Dress Code” policy and discussing the consequences of future violations.

6.4 **4<sup>th</sup> or Subsequent Offenses** – sanctions up to a 10-day out-of-school suspension for each repeat violation.