

SPECIAL SERVICES

Student Responsibilities and Rights

Student Dress Code

This regulation supersedes Regulation 2613.5.

The titles of school system personnel used in this regulation shall in all events be deemed to include the designees of such personnel and any successors in the event of reorganization.

I. PURPOSE

To establish a dress code and to authorize individual schools to develop guidelines for implementing the dress code.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATON

- A. The title "Safe and Drug-Free Youth" has been changed to read "Student Safety and Wellness" throughout this regulation.
- B. In section IV., the word "faculty" was changed to "staff members."

III. DRESS CODE

All students are expected to dress appropriately for a K-12 educational environment. Any clothing that interferes with or disrupts the educational environment is unacceptable. Clothing with language or images that are vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene or clothing that promotes illegal or violent conduct, such as gang symbols, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats is prohibited. Clothing should fit, be neat and clean, and conform to standards of safety, good taste, and decency. Clothing that exposes cleavage, private parts, the midriff, or undergarments, or that is otherwise sexually provocative, is prohibited.

Examples of prohibited clothing include, but are not limited to: sagging or low-cut pants, low-cut necklines that show cleavage, tube tops, halter tops, backless blouses or blouses with only ties in the back, studded belts, chain belts, clothing constructed of see-through materials, and head coverings unless required for religious or medical purposes.

Parents or guardians of students requiring accommodation for religious beliefs, disabilities, or other good causes should contact the principal or his or her designee. Students not complying with this code will be asked to cover the noncomplying clothing, change clothes, or go home. Repeated infractions will result in disciplinary action.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. The principal or his or her designee of any individual Fairfax County public school may establish additional guidelines for that school's students. Any effort to define the dress code within a school:
 - 1. Shall include students, parents or guardians, and staff members in the formulation of those guidelines.
 - 2. Shall ensure that the dress code does not single out or discriminate against religious expression or any other protected right.
- B. The principal or his or her designee, or any group of students, parents or guardians, or staff members petitioning to do so, may initiate consideration of additional dress code guidelines. The principal or his or her designee shall refer consideration of the matter to an existing school committee with representative stakeholders or shall form a special committee for that purpose.
- C. The committee shall make recommendations regarding additional guidelines to the principal or his or her designee for final consideration. Following principal or his or her designee approval, the principal or his or her designee shall submit the recommendation to the cluster assistant superintendent for approval, who will forward it to the coordinator of the Student Safety and Wellness Office.
- D. The school's dress code shall become effective following approval by the cluster assistant superintendent and the coordinator of the Student Safety and Wellness Office.

V. NOTIFICATION TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

- A. Students and parents or guardians shall be informed of the existence of the dress code, any additional guidelines, and consequences for violations. Notification shall be provided at the time of initial enrollment at the school, at the outset of each school year, and at such other times during the school year when changes to the dress code become necessary.
- B. Any changes to this regulation during the school year will be made on the Fairfax County Public Schools' website, which will become the official copy of the regulation until the next general printed version is distributed. Schools will be notified of such changes through a fanout message from the Superintendent's office.

See also the current versions of: Policy 2660, Voluntary Uniform in Public Schools
Regulation 2601, Student Responsibilities and Rights