

Dress Code

The primary responsibility for dress and grooming rests with our students and their parents/legal guardians. However, the District does reserve the right to establish a comprehensive dress code with limitations for students, which addresses what clothing they may wear and how they may wear that clothing. School authorities have the professional responsibility and legal sanction to enforce student dress requirements, and within this authority, the right to request that students change their attire to conform to the District's Administrative Manual 5904 Parent-Student Handbook v3, 4/26/2018.

The following requirements are not intended to silence expressive conduct, but instead, constitute an attempt to maintain a productive, safe, learning environment. As specified in Washoe County School District procedures, "the dress or grooming of all students must not present potential health or safety problems or cause distractions." Specific prohibitions or limitations include, but are not limited to, the following. Exceptions may be considered for religious or medical reasons.

- No clothing that can pose a potential health or safety problem
- No jewelry or chains that can cause injury, to include hanging chains and metal spiked or metal studded accessories

Tops/Skirts/Dresses

- Tops must cover the upper and middle torso at all times
- Skirts must cover the lower torso with no skin showing between top and skirt
- Skirts and dresses must be at least mid-thigh in length; no mini-skirts
- No exposed undergarments
- No halter, tank or tube tops; no transparent, half, or muscle shirts
- No low cut necklines, exposed cleavage, or spaghetti straps
- No pajamas, lounge wear, or bath robes

Pants/Shorts

- Must cover lower torso with no skin showing between top and pants/shorts
- No exposed undergarments
- No sagging pants or shorts
- No exposed buttocks
- Belt buckle monograms must be appropriate
- No cut-offs
- No mini-shorts

Language / Illustrations on Clothing

- No obscene, vulgar, profane, or derogatory language or illustrations on clothing
- Nothing that promotes an illegal activity, including underage drinking, illegal drug use, domestic abuse, gang membership, battery, assault, or any other civil or criminal conduct which would violate state or federal law

Gang Attire: All items that have been identified as gang-related by local law enforcement agencies and WCSD school police are prohibited. The District shall consult with law enforcement agencies and other agencies to determine changes in gang appearance, dress and activities and shall inform principals or their designees about these changes as needed.

Prohibited items may include but are not limited to:

- dangling belts
- chains
- sagging pants/shorts
- bandanas (all colors prohibited)
- altered insignias or graffiti
- jewelry or belt buckles symbolizing any gangs
- graffiti in or on personal belongings symbolizing any identified gangs

Students will be given a verbal warning by Hug HS staff and asked to correct the dress code infraction for the first occurrence. All incidents will be documented in Infinite Campus and consequences will be issued in accordance with the WCSD discipline matrix.