

NUSD Dress Code Guidelines

Board Policy 5132 provides district guidelines on student dress. The purpose of adopting dress code policies and regulations is to not infringe on any individual pupil's rights of freedom of expression, but rather to encourage pupils to come to school prepared to participate in their education. The following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. **Shoes must be worn at all times.** For grades K-8, sandals must have heel straps. Thongs (flip-flops), backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable.
2. **Clothing, jewelry and personal items** (backpacks, binders, gym bags, water bottles etc.) **shall be free of writing, tagging, pictures or any other insignia which are crude**, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate violence, intimidation, gang affiliation, racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. **Hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn indoors**, except for religious purposes.
4. **Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.** Sheer fabrics and revealing garments such as halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.
5. Students shall come to school clean and neatly groomed. **Hair may not be sprayed by any coloring that would drip when wet.**
6. Gang related articles of apparel that display identity with a group or project intimidation or violence against one or more people are prohibited.
7. Extremes in dress that are distractions to the learning environment are prohibited. **Clothing must sufficiently cover the body** such that it is not distracting, offensive, or disruptive to the learning environment. Examples of inappropriate attire may include spaghetti straps (under 1"), bare midriffs, low-cut tops, and short shorts and skirts.