

NEVADA SCHOOLS STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Nevada Board of Education recognizes that dress can be a matter of personal taste and preference. At the same time, the district has a responsibility to promote an environment conducive to student learning. This requires limitations to student dress and grooming that could be disruptive to the educational process because they are immodest, disruptive, unsanitary, unsafe, and could cause property damage, or are offensive to common standards of decency.

The Arkansas Legislature has enacted a law on Dress Code in Arkansas schools. Students are prohibited from “sagging, wearing clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks and breasts” within this law. If a student is found in violation of this policy, and therefore the law, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted to come remove the student until he/she is dressed appropriately. The superintendent shall establish student dress codes for the district’s schools, to be included in the student handbook, and are consistent with the above criteria.

All K-12 students will comply with the Uniform Dress Code. The policy is in force from 7:00-4:00 on school days. Violations of the Uniform Dress Code will be treated as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

- **Fit and fabric:** Body types vary and should be taken into account when selecting clothing. Ill-fitting garments are not acceptable; these include but are not limited to garments that are too tight so as to reflect immodesty or too large so as to appear to be falling off the body. All pants and shorts must be worn at or above the waist, above the crest of the hip, per Arkansas State Law. All clothing must be non-transparent. White fabrics are allowed as long as undergarments are not visible.
- **Shirts:** Shirts/Tops must have a discernible short or long sleeve and fall at least three inches below the waistband or remain tucked in.
- No bare skin should be exposed at the waist/abdomen area or on the back; clothing must cover the chest area to ensure no cleavage is exposed.
- **Pants, Shorts, Skirts:** Pants (slacks, khakis or jeans that have plain or pleated fronts), shorts and skirts must be hemmed and no shorter than knee-length. Joggers that are made of jean or khakis material are permissible. No athletic or sweat style joggers are permitted. Skirts must have no slit above the knee. No holes of any kind are permitted above the knee. Leggings may not be worn as pants, a knee-length skirt must be worn over leggings. Sweatpants and other athletic-style pants, shorts, and skirts are not allowed except as approved during physical education classes or on designated “reward days” determined by administration.
- **Belts:** Students in grades 2-12 must wear a belt with pants or shorts if the clothing has belt loops and otherwise will not remain at the waistline. Belts must be an appropriate length.
- **Outerwear:** Outerwear refers to clothing worn over regular clothing. Hoodies and sweatshirts are permitted, but hoods must be removed inside the building and upon request of an adult in other locations. No trench coats or oversized coats are allowed.
- **Hats/caps/head wraps/wave caps/do rags/etc.:** Hats and caps are allowed outside the school building only. The other items mentioned may not be worn on campus or on the school bus during school or at school activities.

- **Hair:** Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair color and style shall not interfere with the educational process in the reasonable discretion of the principal or designee.
- **Shoes and socks:** The color of shoes and socks are at the student's discretion except flip-flops, open-toed shoes, skate shoes, house shoes, and Croc-style shoes are not permitted.
- **Additional:** A student shall not wear, display or use emblems, insignias, badges or other symbols which, in the opinion of the campus administration, can cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school. Clothing shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork. Gang clothing, symbols, or other items associated with gangs (including bandanas) may not be worn, displayed or carried.

Consequences for noncompliance include but are not limited to the following: remove or change the clothing in question, call home to request a change of clothing, borrow appropriate clothing from the office if available, ISS, or OSS.

The principal may approve waivers on designated days for specific school-related purposes. For example, consideration may be given to regular clothing on spring picture days. Any other exceptions to dress rules must be approved by the principal. School-sponsored items approved by the principal prior to ordering are permitted.

Compliance Incentives: Believing that positive rewards often bring better results than negative consequences, the school board encourages schools to provide incentives for student compliance with the uniform policy.

Opt-out provision: Parents may apply to the building principal for full or partial exemptions or waivers for students due to handicapping conditions, religious observations, recent arrival in district (within 10 school days), or extenuating circumstances. Denied exemption requests may be appealed to the superintendent whose decision is final and not subject to further appeal.