



# Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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## Students

### Dress and Grooming

Dress is a form of personal expression that affects student behavior and self-image. Consequently, future employers, members of the community, school staff, and peers make judgments based upon appearance. While the Huntington Beach Union High School District appreciates the students' right to dress as an expression of self, the district's Board of Trustees has determined that a dress code policy is necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the school environment and to foster student success in a positive manner.

1. Students are encouraged to wear clean, neat clothing that is in good repair and to be groomed appropriately for the classroom environment.
  - The district prohibits any attire that is disruptive to the educational process.
2. Students are encouraged to dress in a manner consistent with community mores and values. Sexually suggestive clothing is disruptive of the learning environment.
  - The district prohibits clothing that shows or conveys messages of a sexual tone, including but not limited to obscene symbols, signs or slogans. The district prohibits:
    - Bare midriffs
    - Halter-tops
    - Short Shorts
    - Bathing suits and tube-tops
    - Clothing which allows underwear to be exposed
    - Tank tops
    - Muscle shirts
3. Students are encouraged to dress in a safe manner.
  - The district prohibits clothing that is unsafe, dangerous, or hazardous to health. This includes but is not limited to spikes or chains on any article of clothing.

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4. Students are encouraged to be tolerant of others. Clothing which carries a message of intolerance or is demeaning of other students leads to conflict and is disruptive of the learning environment.
  - The district prohibits any attire which contains words or symbols which degrade gender, culture, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic values.
5. Students are encouraged to develop healthy lifestyles. State law and district policies preclude students from using drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
  - The district prohibits clothing which advertises tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or any illegal substance.
6. Students are encouraged to understand the risks involved in wearing gang-related apparel. The district prohibits any gang-related styles. Upon determination of a significant gang presence that is disruptive of the school environment, school safety committees, with the assistance of local police, are empowered with the responsibility to determine and continuously update current lists of gang-related styles for their schools. Due to changing trends in gang attire, clothing, jewelry, accessories, and grooming styles, restrictions may change as necessary. Notice of changes will be given to parents/guardians and students as soon as it is reasonably possible. Examples of current gang-related attire include:
  - Spikes or chains on any article of clothing
  - Head covering such as hats, visors, bandannas, caps, hair nets, and scarves
  - Monikers or other gang markings
  - Web, untied, or dangling belts
  - Jewelry/buckles with gang symbols
  - Visible tattoos
  - Baggy or oversized clothing capable of concealing weapons

It is the responsibility of the school safety committee to recommend appropriate dress standards to the school principal. The school safety committee may consist of teachers, classified employees, parents, law enforcement liaisons, school administrators, and students.

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The preceding standards are considered minimal. Parents are encouraged to set more restrictive dress standards for their students. If an individual school chooses to become a uniform or uniform dress optional school, the district will support the implementation of such a program.

Consequences for Failure to Adhere to Student Dress Code

Students who do not meet these standards may be sent home to prepare themselves before they reenter school. Repeated violations may result in more severe disciplinary action.

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