

Policy No. 3224
Students

Student Dress Codes

The UPSD Board of Directors authorizes individual schools to adopt and implement student dress codes for the purpose of maintaining a civil, safe and orderly school environment, and to assist students in learning the importance of purposeful, appropriate dress. The board recognizes that student choices in matters of dress should be made in consultation with parents.

Regulations placed upon student dress and appearance shall serve to:

- A. Establish and maintain a healthy and safe school environment
- B. Prevent damage to school property or the property of others
- C. Prevent any material and substantial disruption of the educational process
- D. Establish and maintain a school environment of respect, tolerance and civility
- E. Assist students in understanding how appropriate dress and appearance support success in school and life

The Superintendent, or designee, shall establish procedures providing guidance to students, parents and staff regarding appropriate dress in school or while engaging in extracurricular activities. Such regulations may allow for different standards for different schools based on the age of the students, educational needs, or other factors specific to an individual school. Similarly, different standards of dress and grooming may be applied to participation in extracurricular activities such as athletics, school dances and other school activities.

Student dress codes shall be communicated to students, parents and staff annually as part of each school's student handbook and/or through other verbal, written or electronic means.

Legal References RCW 28A.320.140 Schools with Special standards – Dress codes
WAC 392-400-215 Student Rights
WAC 392-400-225 School district rules defining misconduct –
Distribution of Rules

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