

SUBJECT: STUDENT CONDUCT AND DRESS

I. Board Policy

Jordan District schools are to provide a safe, wholesome, healthy educational environment where academic learning, personal development, and a sense of pride and accomplishment can flourish. Part of the educational process is learning self discipline and appropriate behavior. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board to enforce all Utah laws related to conduct on school premises and school buses and to see that students are taught to preserve public property including all school facilities and equipment.

The Board also recognizes that dress and grooming seriously affect the behavior of students attending school and may also impact sanitation and safety conditions. Because experience has demonstrated that the learning atmosphere is improved when students both look and act appropriately, the Board hereby authorizes establishment of standards of student conduct, dress, and grooming.

The Board delegates to the Administration responsibility to see that each school adheres to the conduct, dress, and grooming standards established by the Board in the guidelines of this policy. Further, all district and school staff members shall have a share of responsibility in seeing that these standards are implemented and enforced in classrooms, in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses, at school activities, and other occasions as appropriate.

II. Administration Policy

The Administration shall implement Board policy according to the following guidelines:

Guidelines

A. Student Conduct

1. Classroom Behavior

Students shall conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a productive learning atmosphere for themselves and their classmates. Students are expected to be attentive, cooperative, and industrious while in the classroom. Students who habitually disrupt or destroy the learning atmosphere shall be disciplined according to the procedures established in Policy AS67—Discipline of Students.

2. Behavior at Assemblies and Activities

Assemblies and activities shall be considered special student privileges where participation is contingent upon appropriate behavior. Students shall show respect to all performers. Students who disturb, disrupt, or show disrespect shall lose the privilege of attending and may be subjected to disciplinary action as outlined in Policy AS67—Discipline of Students and School Exclusions.

3. Protection and Care of School Property

Students shall be expected to use school equipment and facilities appropriately and to behave in such a way that school property is preserved and protected. Students may be disciplined for improper use or treatment of school facilities and/or equipment.

4. Behavior at Competitive Events

Students are expected to demonstrate sportsmanship at all competitive events and to conduct themselves according to the rules of fair play both as spectators and participants. While healthy competition is encouraged, cheating or rude and disruptive conduct shall not be tolerated.

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5. Patriotism and Respect for the Flag

The Flag of the United States of America shall be appropriately displayed at all schools in keeping with customary and accepted practices. Students shall show proper respect for their country's emblem. Instruction should include the frequent repeating of the Pledge of Allegiance by students and teachers. Discourteous treatment of the flag or other national symbols shall be cause for disciplinary action.

6. Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, Narcotics, and Drugs

Student use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, and drugs is prohibited by law. Students who break the law shall be disciplined according to the guidelines set forth in Policy AS90--Drugs and Alcohol.

7. Cellular Telephones

Possession of a cellular telephone by a student is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student that uses their cell phone inappropriately. A student who possesses a cellular phone shall assume responsibility for its care. At no time shall the District be responsible for preventing theft, loss or damage to cell phones brought onto school property.

Cellular telephone use during classroom time, instructional activities and field trips is prohibited. Cellular telephones must remain off during these times.

Exceptions to this policy may be granted by school administration on a case by case basis to accommodate family emergencies or medical necessity. Students violating these guidelines will be disciplined in accordance with District Policy AS 67 *Discipline of Students*.

8. Electronic Devices

Any use of an electronic device that exploits personal information, disrupts the educational process, invades personal privacy or compromises the integrity of educational programs is strictly prohibited. Students violating these guidelines will be disciplined in accordance with District policy AS67—*Discipline of Students*.

B. Dangerous or Disruptive Conduct

Students who engage in dangerous or disruptive conduct, including bringing any weapon or facsimile of a weapon to school, committing arson, burglary, larceny, criminal mischief, battery or assault, or who engage in activities which violate federal, state or local laws, shall be excluded from school. (See District policy AS67—*Discipline of Students*.)

C. School Dress and Grooming

Students shall dress in a manner that shows respect for the educational environment and is befitting the day's activities. Students' clothing and jewelry must not present a health or safety hazard or distraction, which would disrupt the educational mission. Disruption is defined as reactions by other individuals to the clothing or adornment, which causes the teacher/ administrator to lose the attention of the students, to modify or cease instructional activities, or to deal with student confrontations or complaints.

1. Items that disrupt the educational mission shall not be allowed. Personal items such as clothing, paraphernalia, jewelry, backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles, etc., shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignias, which are crude, vulgar, profane, violent, or sexually suggestive.

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2. Items which bear advertising, promotions and likeness of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs or which are contrary to the educational mission, shall not be allowed.
3. All students shall maintain their hair, mustaches, sideburns, and beards in a clean, well-groomed manner. Hair, which is so conspicuous, extreme, odd in color or style that it draws undue attention, disrupts, or tends to disrupt or interfere with the learning atmosphere at the school, shall not be allowed.
4. All students shall wear clean clothing. Clothing, jewelry, accessories and piercings which are so conspicuous, extreme, or odd that they may draw undue attention, disrupt, or tend to disrupt, interfere with or pose a health or safety issue to the learning atmosphere at the school, shall not be allowed.
5. Students shall not wear clothes that are mutilated, cut off, or immodest, e.g., short shorts, mini skirts, bare midriffs, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, tank shirts, or similar clothing. Clothing shall cover the midriff, underwear, backs, and cleavage at all times. Skirts, dresses and shorts must be at least mid-thigh length or longer when seated.
6. Military clothing or insignias which are part of the official uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces are not to be worn except where authorized by law. (Wearing of the military uniform is regulated by provisions of Title 10, USC §771-772, and Army Regulation 670-1 §29-4).
7. Hats of any kind are not allowed within the building except as part of an approved activity, or for religious, or medical purposes.
8. School officials may require students to wear certain types of clothing for health or safety reasons in connection with certain specialized activities.
9. Gang-related clothing, colors, and paraphernalia shall not be allowed in schools or activities. School officials will determine what constitutes “gang” clothing, colors, and paraphernalia after consultation with law enforcement agencies as needed.
10. Shoes shall be worn at all times that ensure personal safety and hygiene.

D. School Dress and Grooming—Graduation

In order to maintain dignity and decorum at high school commencements, students participating in commencement exercises are subject to the dress and grooming standards articulated in section C of this policy and wear the prescribed cap and gown during the ceremony* without additional ornamentation or decoration. Personal items such as clothing, accessories or jewelry, that draw undue attention or detract from the dignity and decorum of the occasion shall not be allowed. Mantles, cords, insignias or medals signifying achievement, honor or recognition are restricted to awards issued and approved for display at graduation by the local high school.

* *“During the ceremony” refers to the entire duration of the commencement program, from opening processional to completion of the recessional.*