

KING CITY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dress Code Policy

2009-10 School Year

The purpose of the Dress Code Policy is to specify standards for dress and grooming that promote a safe school setting conducive to a positive learning environment consistent with the Board's policy governing acceptable and appropriate apparel and appearance for students. Consistent dress and grooming policies are necessary in order to maintain order, provide a safe school environment, promote discipline, and **academic success. Dress for success!** Dress or grooming that draws undue attention detracts from the educational process and is therefore unacceptable. All students are expected to follow these requirements regarding student dress. Authorized by Education Code 35294.1 and 35183.

All clothing shall be neat, clean, appropriately sized, and acceptable to school personnel in repair and appearance. Clothing shall also be within bounds of decency and good taste, as appropriate for school. Outer garments shall be sufficient to appropriately conceal undergarments at all times. All clothing which display gang symbols, profanity, products, or slogans which create a hostile environment for other students by causing a disruption are not allowed. All clothing which promotes tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex, interferes with school work, creates disorder, or disrupts the educational process are not allowed. **The school principal or his/her designee shall be the final authority on the appropriateness of all clothing.**

Upper Body

1. For boys and girls, "fold over" collars are not required.
2. Shirts or blouses that are not tucked into lower garments **must not** hang below the body crux where legs meet the torso. (This is not to be confused with the crux/crotch of sagging pants.)
3. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, beach-wear, halter tops, see-through outfits, low neck lines, exposed "cleavage" or off-the-shoulder shirts are not appropriate for upper body wear and shall not be worn.
4. Undergarments and bras are to be completely concealed. Undershirts may be seen at the neckline only.
5. Bare midriffs or chests are not allowed.

Lower Body

1. Shorts, skirts, skorts or other short lower garments must cover at least to mid-thigh, with no slits. Sportswear-type shorts such as bicycle shorts (spandex), gym shorts, frayed shorts, or shorts with holes are not appropriate and **shall not** be worn. Shorts deemed appropriate for physical education and athletic practice may be worn only when participating in those activities.
2. Leggings may be worn, if outer garments come to mid-thigh.
3. Sweat pants, warm ups, sport uniforms, and work-out pants are not permitted.
4. Capri pants are allowed for girls.
5. $\frac{3}{4}$ length pants for boys are **not** allowed. They must either be shorts or shoe top length pants.
6. Pants of denim material **are allowed**; however such pants must have the appearance of being in good repair and properly sized for school. Lower body wear must fit neither too loose nor too tight. Denim pants that are distressed or overly faded are **not allowed**.

Foot Wear

1. Shoes must be appropriate for running and participating in P.E. activities.
2. Shoes must be worn by all students, and must cover the heel and toe.
3. The following are **not** allowed: Flipflops, flojos, slippers, skates, blades, cleats, steel-toed shoes, or bare feet.

Outer Wear

1. King City Union School District and King City High School sweatshirts are permitted. (Each site may have its own line of sweatshirts, T-shirts, and distinct school colors).
2. Jackets and sweatshirts with college and university logos are allowed.
3. Jackets and sweatshirts with other logos are acceptable.
4. Hoods or head coverings may not be worn within the buildings, classrooms, or outside, unless there are inclement weather conditions. Hats may be worn outdoors in accordance with policies set by the principal or designee.

Other Apparel & Personal Adornments

1. Garments of military/combat appearance, such as green or khaki camouflage pattern or material, are **not allowed**.
2. Logos of professional sports teams are **not permitted**.
3. The following is a list of symbols/sports teams/apparel considered to be “gang-related” and therefore are not allowed:
 - **Cloth belts with metal buckles having cut out initials** are not allowed.
 - **Skulls, skeletons, or any other symbols related to death** are not allowed.
 - **Overlong belts and buckles with symbols** are not allowed.
 - **Substantially disruptive logos promoting ethnic superiority** are not allowed.
4. Earrings are allowed. Earring designs must not be gang related.
5. The following are **not** allowed: body piercing, animal collars, watch fobs, chains, spiked bracelets, wrist guards, and tattoos.

Exemptions

1. Exceptions for verified religious beliefs and medical conditions may be made by the site administration.

Special Days

1. Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H uniforms, club cheerleader uniforms are acceptable on meeting days.
2. “Special Dress Days” will be determined by the site administration each year. “Special Dress Day” clothing shall also be within bounds of decency and good taste. Field trips will be considered as possible “Special Dress Days.”

Violations and Consequences

For students in kindergarten through eighth grade: Violations of the Dress Code may result in the issuing of a written warning. If a written warning is issued, a copy of this warning shall be sent to the parents/guardian. Parents may be contacted immediately to bring appropriate attire to remedy the situation. If parents cannot be contacted, school “loaner” clothing may be issued to the student for the day. A third violation of the Dress Code in one year may result in the suspension of the offending student. Education Code 48900(k).