



FAQ: School Dress Codes

Individual students and their parents shall have responsibility for the student's dress and appearance. For the purposes of this policy, "student attire" includes clothing, shoes and other footgear, hats and other headgear, jewelry and other accessories.

Any rules concerning students' attire established by any school shall apply equally and shall be enforced consistently and fairly, regardless of a student's gender identity, race, or ethnicity.

Can my school tell me what I can and can't wear?

Only somewhat. Rules concerning student attire may be established by individual schools or school districts, but only to the extent that they relate to instructional, health or safety issues and that the student attire:

- actually disrupts the learning process;
- creates actual and substantial disorder in the school;
- invades the rights of other students, is vulgar and offensive;
- implicates student or staff health or safety; or
- promotes illegal drug use.

Can my school make me change my clothes because they disagree with my message, or because my clothes don't "match" the gender on my birth certificate?

No. Schools may not restrict student attire solely because the school disagrees with the style of the attire or the viewpoint expressed by the attire, except for the reasons listed above.