

Student Dress

Preserving a beneficial learning environment and assuring the safety and well-being of all students are primary concerns of the Olympia School District Board of Directors.

Olympia School District believes that the responsibility for the dress of a student rests primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians. All students are encouraged to dress in a manner that is conducive to an active school day. The school district is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student, and that dress code enforcement does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.

Administration and enforcement of the dress code will be gender neutral and consistent. Administrative intervention around student dress should occur when there is a reasonable expectation that a material and substantial disruption of the educational process will result from the student's dress or appearance.

The superintendent will establish procedures providing guidance to students, parents and staff regarding appropriate student dress in school or while engaging in extracurricular activities.

Cross References:

3220 - Freedom of Expression

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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