

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5023: APPEARANCE STANDARDS

- A. The Board encourages students to dress appropriately for school. The Board believes that students should be neatly and cleanly dressed.

- B. The Board acknowledges that students have legal rights to freedom of expression, but the following standards of appearance shall apply:
 - 1. Students must dress safely. For example, appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear must be safe and not limit participation in school activities.
 - 2. Students must dress appropriately for educational activities in which they will participate so as not to endanger their health, safety or welfare. Ornamentation or jewelry, which pose a safety hazard, shall not be worn.
 - 3. Students must be cleanly dressed so as not to promote unhealthy or unsanitary conditions.
 - 4. Students shall not dress in an obscene manner or display obscene material. Extremely brief garments, such as very short skirts or shorts, and too-revealing garments, such as plunging necklines and see-through shirts, are not acceptable.
 - 5. Students shall not display any material which advertises or promotes an unlawful act such as tobacco use, the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the possession, sale or use of drugs.
 - 6. Students shall not display any material which is libelous or slanderous.
 - 7. Students shall not display any material which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of District or school site policies or rules.
 - 8. Students shall not display any material which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of substantial disruption of the orderly process of a school.

- C. No student may be suspended because of a violation of Section B of this Board Policy unless:
 - 1. Other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct; and
 - 2. The student has been given adequate notice of the violation of this Board Policy; and
 - 3. The student has been given an adequate opportunity under the circumstances to comply with the direction to cease violating this Board Policy.

- D. This Board Policy shall not be interpreted so as to limit any efforts by employees to have students voluntarily dress in a manner which promotes a better learning environment.

Legal Reference: Education Code sections 48907, 48900, 48900.5

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