

## Dress Code

Covina-Valley Unified School District actively supports the concept of providing a safe, positive atmosphere on campuses in order to allow all students to excel, to feel physically and emotionally secure, to establish tolerance for everyone, to exercise personal responsibility and good judgment, and to focus on learning. Student dress has been shown to influence behavior and the learning environment.

Repeated violations or refusal to comply with the school and/or district's dress code may result in progressive disciplinary action.

***In Accordance with Ed. Code 48901.5, Covina-Valley USD Middle Schools have adopted the following dress code regulations:***

1.) Students are expected to wear or display the following during the school-day and at all school functions:

- Distressed and ripped pants are allowed, as long as undergarments are covered and the length is not too revealing.
- Clothing shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fishnet fabrics, halter tops, off the shoulder or low cut tops, bare midriffs and skirts/shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.
- Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles, etc) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions *and* likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious preference. (AR 5132) ● Clothing and accessories worn in the manner in which they were designed to be worn. (For example, pajamas can be worn on spirit day, but not during the normal school session. Blankets are not considered outerwear.)

2.) The following are examples of dress that can cause distraction, disturbance, interference or a safety concern (this list is not all inclusive):

- clothing that are oversized, too revealing, or baggy clothes which could fall off without a belt or impedes movement (i.e. spaghetti straps, crop tops, sleeveless, tank tops). **SHIRTS MUST HAVE SLEEVES.**
- oversized belt buckles with initials or logos
- footwear with metal toes
- clothing that may indicate gang affiliation (colors, types, etc) or racial attitudes (Ed Code 32282)
- sandals without heel-straps or flip flops (AR 5132)

3.) Students shall be permitted to wear sun-protection clothing, including, but not limited to, hats/hoodies and sunglasses for outdoor-use during the school day. (Ed Code 35183.5) ● However, all hats/hoodies and sunglasses must be removed while inside the classroom. (AR 5132)

4.) Gang-Apparel Policy: The gang apparel defined and described below have the potential to be identified as being associated with gangs. Therefore, the presence of the described apparel on campus poses a hazard to the health and safety of the school environment, and is likely to substantially disrupt or materially interfere with school operations.

- Long socks worn under shorts

- Bandanas
- A coordinated style that is associated with gang/group affiliation will not be allowed (i.e. wearing an overwhelming amount of any color associated with a gang on a continuous basis.)
- Clothing that suggests violence, are obscene, sexually explicit or derogatory (i.e. "NWA", "Guns & Roses", "Virginitv Rocks", Kappa)

**Board Policy 5132:**

District and school rules pertaining to student attire shall be included in student handbooks. Every effort will be made by the principal or administrative designee to avoid addressing dress code violations during instructional time. Dress code violations shall not be addressed in front of other students. However, if the dress code violation is offensive, obscene, derogatory, sexually explicit, or drug and alcohol related, the principal or administrative designee shall address the violation as soon as possible. **Ed. Code 48901.5-School administrators will continue to evaluate issues related to appearance and clothing and will make reasonable decisions regarding dress standards that reflect the goals of safety and a positive learning environment. Parents are urged to call the Assistant Principal or Dean for clarification.**