

**Policy JFCA: STUDENT DRESS CODE**

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It is important for the district to provide an education environment that is safe and welcoming to all students and free from disruption. To further these goals, building principals will establish student dress codes for all grade levels that meet the district's goals and legal requirements. The superintendent or designee will establish dress code procedures to guide building principals in formulating building-level rules. The board authorizes the superintendent or designee to consult the district's attorney for guidance on legal issues.

**Goals**

The student dress code(s) must align with the district's goals, which include, but are not limited to:

1. Promoting health and safety;
2. Preventing student distraction and disruption to the learning environment;
3. Teaching students civility and tolerance of others;
4. Preparing students for the workplace and other places where dress is regulated;
5. Protecting students from drug and alcohol advertisements and vulgar, indecent, and obscene pictures and language.

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**Policy Reference Disclaimer:**

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

**State**

§ 160.082, RSMo.

§ 167.029, RSMo.

§ 167.166, RSMo.

**Description**

[State Statute](#)

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**Federal**

20 U.S.C. § 1681

**Description**

[Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972](#)

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| FEDERAL COURT        | <a href="#">Bishop v. Colaw, 450 F.2d 1069 (8th Cir. 1971)</a>                          |
| FEDERAL COURT        | <a href="#">Stephenson v. Davenport Comm. Sch. Dist., 110 F.3d 1303 (8th Cir. 1997)</a> |
| U.S. Const. amend. I | <a href="#">U.S. Constitution</a>                                                       |

## Cross References

| Code       | Description                                                                                                            |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AC         | <a href="#">PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION</a>                                 |
| AC-AF(1)   | <a href="#">PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - (Notice of Nondiscrimination)</a> |
| AC-AF(2)   | <a href="#">PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - (Grievance Form)</a>              |
| AC-AF(3)   | <a href="#">PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - (Level I Grievance Report)</a>    |
| AC-AF(4)   | <a href="#">PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - (Level II Grievance Report)</a>   |
| AC-AF(5)   | <a href="#">PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - (Level III Grievance Report)</a>  |
| AC-AF(6)   | <a href="#">PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION - (Appeal Form)</a>                 |
| EBBA       | <a href="#">ILLNESS AND INJURY RESPONSE AND PREVENTION</a>                                                             |
| EBBA-AP(1) | <a href="#">ILLNESS AND INJURY RESPONSE AND PREVENTION - (First Aid Guidelines)</a>                                    |
| EBBA-AF(1) | <a href="#">ILLNESS AND INJURY RESPONSE AND PREVENTION - (Emergency Information Form—Student)</a>                      |
| EBBA-AF(2) | <a href="#">ILLNESS AND INJURY RESPONSE AND PREVENTION - (Emergency Information Form—Employee)</a>                     |
| EBBA-AF(3) | <a href="#">ILLNESS AND INJURY RESPONSE AND PREVENTION - (Incident Report)</a>                                         |
| EBBA-AF(4) | <a href="#">ILLNESS AND INJURY RESPONSE AND PREVENTION - (Log of Attempts to Contact Parent/Guardian)</a>              |
| GBCB       | <a href="#">STAFF CONDUCT</a>                                                                                          |

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| IGD         | <a href="#"><u>DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS</u></a>                                                                                                    |
| IGD-AP(1)   | <a href="#"><u>DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS</u></a>                                                                                                    |
| IGD-AF(1)   | <a href="#"><u>DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS - (Application for Approval of Clubs or Groups)</u></a>                                                    |
| IGD-AF(2)   | <a href="#"><u>DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS - (Semester Declaration for Home-Schooled Student Participation in MSHSAA-Governed Activities)</u></a>     |
| IGD-AF(3)   | <a href="#"><u>DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS - (Mid-Semester Declaration for Home-Schooled Student Participation in MSHSAA-Governed Activities)</u></a> |
| IGD-1-AP(2) | <a href="#"><u>DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS - (Athletics—K-12 Districts)</u></a>                                                                       |
| IGD-2-AP(2) | <a href="#"><u>DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS - (Athletics—K-8 Districts)</u></a>                                                                        |
| IICC        | <a href="#"><u>SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS</u></a>                                                                                                                                           |
| IICC-AP(1)  | <a href="#"><u>SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS</u></a>                                                                                                                                           |