

Certificated Personnel

BP 4119.22(a)

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DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board of Education believes that appropriate dress and grooming by district employees contribute to a productive learning environment and model positive behavior. During school hours and at school activities, employees shall maintain professional standards of dress and grooming that demonstrate their high regard for education, present an image consistent with their job responsibilities and assignment, and not endanger the health or safety of employees or students. All employees shall be held to the same standards unless their assignment provides for modified dress as approved by their supervisor.

Clothing must be neat, clean, in good repair, and appropriate for on the job appearances at all times. Employees shall not wear on the outside of their clothing any jewelry or similar artifacts that are obscene, distracting, or may cause disruptions to the educational environment.

All employees are expected to exercise good judgment in their choice of professional appearance for work or work-related activities by always appearing in a manner that:

- provides appropriate role modeling for students
- is appropriate to the position and/or activity
- promotes a working and learning environment that is free from unnecessary disruption
- is conducive to high student and staff performance
- will invoke a positive impression from the community

It is the responsibility of the principal or supervisor to be aware of inappropriate dress and to discuss dress and grooming expectations with those employees who may require guidance.

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4112.21/4212.21/4312.21 - Professional Standards)

(cf. 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

The district shall allow employees to appear and dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression. (Government Code 12949)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

The district shall not discriminate against employees based on hair texture and protective hairstyles, including, but not limited to, braids, locks, and twists. (Government Code 12926)

DRESS AND GROOMING (continued)

In addition, the district shall not dismiss an employee, discriminate against an employee in compensation or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or refuse to hire a job applicant on the basis of religious dress or grooming practices. (Government Code 12926, 12940)

This policy shall be presented to employees upon employment, through the employee handbook or other appropriate means, and may be periodically reviewed with all employees as necessary.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation

12926 Definitions

12940 Unfair employment practices

12949 Dress standards, consistency with gender identity

COURT DECISIONS

San Mateo City School District v. PERB (1983) 33 Cal. 3d 850

Domico v. Rapides Parish School Board (5th Cir. 1982) 675 F.2d 100

East Hartford Education Assn. v. Board of Education (2d Cir. 1977) 562 F. 2d 856

Finot v. Pasadena Board of Education (1967) 250 Cal.App.2d 189

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD DECISIONS

Santa Ana Unified School District (1998) 22 PERC P29, 136

Inglewood Unified School District (1985) 10 PERC P17, 000

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING PUBLICATIONS

Transgender Rights in the Workplace

WEB SITES

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>

Public Employment Relations Board: <http://www.perb.org>

Policy

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