

Student Dress

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

Student dress will only be regulated when, in the judgment of ESD 112 program staff, there is a reasonable expectation that:

- A. A health or safety hazard will be presented by the student's dress or appearance including possible membership in a gang or hate groups;
- B. Damage to ESD 112 property will result from the student's dress; or
- C. A material and substantial disruption of the educational process will result from the students' dress or appearance.

For the purpose of this policy, a material and substantial disruption of the educational process may be found to exist when a student's conduct is inconsistent with any part of the educational mission of ESD 112. Prohibited conduct includes the use of lewd, sexual, drug, tobacco or alcohol-related messages or gang-related apparel.

The uniforms of nationally recognized youth organizations, and clothing worn in observance of a student's religion, are not subject to this policy.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to adopt and publish guidance to students, parents, and staff regarding appropriate student dress in ESD 112 programs. Such guidance will ensure that any student wearing clothing or accessories that interfere with learning, programs or services, or exhibiting behavior or gestures that affect the attendance of another student will be asked, with notice to his or her parents/guardians, to make appropriate corrections and be subject to discipline if the corrections are not undertaken.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.310.180 ESD board—Compliance with rules and regulations—Depository and distribution center—Cooperative service programs, joint purchasing programs, and direct student service programs including pupil transportation.
WAC 392-400-215 Student Rights.
WAC 392-400-225 School district rules defining misconduct – Distribution of Rules.

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