

**STUDENTS**

Student Dress

The Port Townsend School District student dress code supports equitable educational access for all students. We acknowledge students as individuals and students’ dress should respect the school and district’s intent and responsibility to ensure the health, safety and mental well-being of all students.

Choices in matter of dress should be made in consultation with students’ parents/guardians. However, student dress will be regulated when, in the judgment of school administrators, 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 school 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 the school district. Prohibited conduct includes the use of lewd, sexual, drug, tobacco or alcohol-related messages, or gang or hate-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 superintendent will establish procedures providing guidance to students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding appropriate student dress in school or while engaging in extracurricular activities. Such procedures will ensure that any student wearing, carrying, or displaying gang or hate-related apparel, or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang or hate group membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student will be requested, with notice to their parents/guardians, to make appropriate corrections and be subject to discipline if the corrections are not undertaken.

Cross Reference:	Policy 3220	Freedom of Expression
Legal References:	RCW 28A.320.140	Schools with Special Standards
	WAC 392-400-215	Student Rights
	WAC 392-400-225	School District Rules Defining Misconduct – Distribution of Rules

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