

RESOLUTION 26-019 – Approval of Amended Board Policy JFCA-Student Dress and Grooming

Background: This policy outlines expectations for student dress and grooming, recognizing that primary responsibility rests with students and their parents, guardians, or persons in a parental relationship. It also affirms the District’s authority to ensure that student appearance does not disrupt the learning environment or pose a threat to health and safety.

The policy recognizes and respects students’ rights to express their cultural, ethnic, and religious identities through attire and grooming, including traditional clothing, regalia, hairstyles, or head coverings associated with their heritage or beliefs, provided such expression does not create disruption or safety concerns.

Students representing MESD in voluntary activities may also be required to meet approved dress and grooming standards as a condition of participation.

This policy supports a safe, respectful, inclusive, and disruption-free learning environment while balancing individual responsibility and District expectations.

WHEREAS, the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors Policy Committee reviewed and discussed Board Policy JFCA-Student Dress and Grooming;

WHEREAS, the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors Policy Committee recommends the Board adopt Board Policy JFCA-Student Dress and Grooming;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Board Policy JFCA-Student Dress and Grooming is approved as written or as further modified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if no further discussion is required, Board Policy JFCA-Student Dress and Grooming is approved as proposed and does not require a second reading.

Multnomah Education Service District

Code: **JFCA**
Adopted: 9/20/94
Revised/Readopted: 5/21/13; 3/17/26

Student Dress and Grooming

Responsibility for reasonable dress and grooming rests primarily with students and their parents, guardians or persons in a parental relationship. However, MESD expects student dress and grooming to meet standards which ensure that the following conditions do not exist. MESD recognizes and respects students' rights to express their cultural, ethnic, and religious identities through their attire and grooming, including the wearing of traditional clothing, regalia, hairstyles, or head coverings associated with their heritage or beliefs, provided such expression does not create the conditions described below.

1. Disruption or interference with the classroom learning environment;
2. Threat to the health and/or safety of the student concerned or of other students.

Students who represent MESD in a voluntary activity may be required to conform to dress and grooming standards approved by the Superintendent and may be denied the opportunity to participate if those standards are not met.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)
[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#) to -0075

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

JF/JFA - Student Rights and Responsibilities