



The Russellville Board of Education recognizes that dress can be a matter of personal taste and preference. At the same time, the District has a responsibility to promote an environment conducive to student learning. This requires limitations to student dress and grooming that could be disruptive to the educational process because they are immodest, disruptive, unsanitary, unsafe, could cause property damage, or are offensive to common standards of decency.

1. Students are expected to comply with all Acts of the Arkansas General Assembly regarding immunization and to conform to appropriate standards of health and cleanliness.
2. Student dress and grooming should not be hazardous to the students themselves or to others and should not disrupt the educational process.
 - a. Students shall not wear clothing or accessories that identify themselves with or promote gangs or secret societies, secret organizations, or subversive groups of any kind.
 - b. Students shall follow healthful hygiene and grooming procedures so as to not be in danger of transmitting infectious parasites or diseases (e.g., headlice, scabies, ringworm, conjunctivitis). The district health services coordinator and the building principals have the responsibility to establish rules and regulations – including time out of school and treatment procedures – to control such situations.
3. Principals have the authority to take appropriate disciplinary action when student dress, in the opinion of the principal, is disruptive to the educational process.
4. The District reserves the right to require certain types of clothing be worn during instructional situations when the principal determines that the conditions dictate the wearing of such clothing.

The Superintendent shall establish student dress codes for the District's schools, to be included in the student handbook, and are consistent with the above criteria.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-502(c)(1), A.C.A. § 6-18-503(c) Adopted: 3/12/2013 History BOE: Revised:
