

The Board of Trustees recognizes its obligation to provide an educational environment which will prepare students for responsibilities necessary for a successful and productive adult life.

While on campus, or at any school-sponsored event, students and guests shall be dressed and groomed in a manner which reflects good taste and decency, and will not detract from or interfere with the educational environment, instructional program, general morale, or image of the school. All dress must be modest, neat, clean, and consistent with legal provisions. Shoes must be worn at all times. Any gang related apparel, if worn or displayed on a school campus may be determined to threaten the health/safety of the school environment. (Education Code Section 35183)

The following are not allowed on campus or at any school-sponsored event:

1. Dress, grooming, or accessories which
  - 1.1 are considered unsafe, dangerous, or a health hazard;
  - 1.2 contain offensive or obscene symbols, signs, or slogans degrading any cultural, religious, or ethnic values;
  - 1.3 contain language or symbols oriented towards sex, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco;
  - 1.4 contain gang, tagger, crew, and/or clique symbols or display gang colors or clothing which denotes gang, tagger, crew, and/or clique affiliation.
2. Shoulderless or tube/halter tops, clothes exposing the midsection, shorts that expose the buttocks, or excessively baggy or tight fitting clothing.

Upon district approval, schools may add additional, more specific dress requirements in order to maintain a safe learning environment.

Consistent with the general philosophy of this district, responsibility for the proper attire of all students attending classes in the Anaheim Union High School District rests with the parents/guardians.

The responsibility for enforcing this dress and grooming code rests with the classroom teachers, counselors, and administrators on each campus. Violations of this code will be dealt with pursuant to the provisions of sections 48900-48925 of the California Education Code. Specifically, failure to adhere to the provisions of this dress and grooming code will be considered a violation of Section 48900(k) which provides for the suspension or expulsion of pupils if they have "disrupted school activities or otherwise defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties."

## Legal References:

## Education Code:

32281	School Safety Plans
35183	School Uniforms; Gang Apparel; Dress Codes
48900-48925	Suspension and Expulsion

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**GANG, TAGGER, CREW AND/OR CLIQUE BEHAVIOR**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Your child, \_\_\_\_\_, while on the campus of \_\_\_\_\_ High School, participated in an activity and/or exhibited behavior(s) with gang, tagger, crew and/or clique actions. Please see the item(s) checked below. You may have observed similar and/or additional actions. This conduct warrants your immediate attention because of its potential escalation and serious consequences.

- \_\_\_ Hand Signs: Making particular hand gestures signals gang affiliation or action.
- \_\_\_ Stare Downs: Stares are used as challenges to provoke fights. Also known as "maddogging."
- \_\_\_ Nicknames: Individual gang names are usually attached to some perceived attribute the person may have for gang purposes. The nickname tends to fit physical or psychological characteristics.
- \_\_\_ Tattoos: Most gang related tattoos are found on the member's hands, forearms, torso, and, occasionally, the face. Tattoos may be ink tattoos or simulated tattoos with gang related topics.
- \_\_\_ Graffiti: Graffiti includes written and/or painted challenges, slogans, nicknames, pictures, gang names, symbols, and/or logos that represent gang activity/conduct.
- \_\_\_ Dress: Gang affiliated clothes present an unsafe school environment. The Anaheim Union High School District and \_\_\_\_\_ High School have a strict anti-gang dress code policy. Gang related apparel/paraphernalia is prohibited.
- \_\_\_ Confrontation: Conflicts may involve one or more members against rival gang members and used to intimidate rivals and other students.
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Fortunately, only a small percentage of students exhibit gang related behaviors/actions. Your child's actions do not necessarily mean he/she is a gang member. However, a continued pattern of behaviors associated with gangs is cause for serious concern and often indicates gang affiliation or involvement. The presence of gang related conduct and dress will not be tolerated at this school or any other school campus in the Anaheim Union High School District. This conduct and/or dress affects the safety and learning environment of ALL students and staff members. \_\_\_\_\_ High School is serious about its responsibility to educate its students in a safe atmosphere, and we will take disciplinary action against those students who persist in gang related conduct.

We would like to meet with you regarding our concerns. Please call the principal to schedule an appointment. Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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