

Students may borrow books for a two week period of time. The number of books a student may have checked out at any one time is determined by grade level. If students have any overdue books, they will not be allowed to check out any more until the overdue has been cleared.

Library Book Damage or Loss - Students are expected to pay for excessive damage to library books or for the loss of books. The cost will be determined by the current replacement cost of the book(s). Students who do not meet those obligations lose further borrowing privileges and report cards will be withheld until such obligations have been met.

Personal Property - All students should mark personal belongings with first and last name before articles are brought to school. This includes lunch boxes, backpacks, coats, sweaters, umbrellas, gloves, binders, etc.

Valuables, expensive items, radios, iPods, iPads, eReaders, CD players, and other electronic items other than cell phones (see specifics about cell phones on page 21 should be kept at home and are also **not allowed on field trips**). All toys, including playground equipment such as basketballs, baseballs, bats, and gloves, etc. should be left at home. An item can be specifically approved to be at school by the teacher, but the school or district is not responsible for loss or damage to personal items. If an item is brought to school without permission, it will be confiscated and returned only to the parent.

Dangerous or illegal items are not allowed at school and in some cases suspension or expulsion of the student can occur if such items are brought to school.

Student Clubs and Extracurricular Activities - Each year the school strives to provide a variety of clubs and extracurricular experiences for students to extend their learning and explore other areas of interest. These vary from year to year. Please check with the school for current opportunities.

Student Council - Student Council/Leadership representatives who meet the eligibility requirements are elected from each 5th and 6th grade classroom. Officers are elected by the class representatives and provide school leadership in a variety of ways. Past student council activities include planning assemblies, spirit week, as well as fundraisers for various charities. A teacher serves as an advisor and works with our student leaders.

Student Dress and Appearance ([Reference Board Policy 5132](#) and [Administrative Regulation 5132](#)) - The Board of Trustees believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process. The major responsibility for dress and grooming is placed upon the student and the student's parents. The administration reserves the right to decide the appropriateness of the student's attire. Inappropriately dressed students will be expected to change clothing. The following guidelines are intended to define appropriate student attire and personal grooming and shall apply to all regular school activities:

Elementary Dress Code

In our dress code, we believe:

- Dress code policies will maximize educational opportunities and time spent learning. Clothing should not create barriers to learning.
- Reasons for conflict and inconsistent and/or inequitable discipline should be minimized whenever possible.
- School staff will be trained and be able to use student/body positive language to explain the dress code to address code violations.
- All students will be valued in their full identity and treated equitably; will be able to dress comfortably for school without fear of body shaming and unnecessary discipline; will understand student dress code expectations and that they are responsible for managing their own personal distractions while also honoring individual's clothing/self expression.

Students Must Wear:

- **Secured** clothing that protects and covers personal body parts.
- Shirt - Must have strap(s) that connect over at least one shoulder or around the neck with fabric in the front, back and on the sides under the arms. The torso must be covered. Shirts must be able to stay up on their own.
- Bottoms - (pants or the equivalent) that completely covers the buttocks.
- Footwear - Must have soles and heel straps
- Clothing that maintains a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as PE (athletic attire/close-toed shoes with heel strap).

Students May Wear:

- Hats/hoods - Hats/hoods are allowed on campus; Hats/hoods that do not interfere with learning are permitted in the classroom.

Students Cannot Wear:

- Visible underwear. (Visible waistbands, straps, or compression shorts worn under other clothing are not a violation.)
- Images or language depicting/suggesting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or paraphernalia use (or any illegal item or activity)
- Images or language representing or implying hate speech, profanity, or prejudice
- Images, language, or articles of clothing that depict weapons or violence or gang affiliation
- Images depicted on clothing must be within RUSD dress code
- Clothing, jewelry, and personal items with lewd, obscene, or sexually explicit or implied messages or pictures are prohibited.
- Any object that obscures the face (except as religious observance or for health purposes)
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Strong smelling personal care products such as lotions and body sprays (due to potential allergies).