



**Responsible Office:** Office of School Leadership

**BOARD POLICY 5105  
STUDENT UNIFORMS –  
ADOPTION OF A SITE-BASED POLICY**

**PURPOSE**

The Board of Trustees (Board) adopts this Board Policy to establish the Washoe County School District's (District) protocols and processes that shall be followed in contemplating, adopting, and implementing such a site-based student uniform policy.

**POLICY**

1. Student uniforms may enhance a positive school climate by promoting student responsibility and self-discipline; add to a safe and respectful learning environment; and allow students and employees to focus attention on increasing student achievement and not dress code violations or real or perceived variations in socio-economic status.
2. Schools that choose to adopt a site-based student uniform policy shall follow a collaborative, inclusive process that gives parents/guardians, students, and faculty and employees a voice.
3. The Board hereby directs the Superintendent to adopt an Administrative Regulation to implement and maintain the purpose of this Board Policy. The Superintendent shall include in the Administrative Regulation the following provisions:
  1. The requirements of a site-based policy for school uniforms;
  2. Appropriate clothing for school uniforms;
  3. The process for dissemination of a site-based policy for school uniforms;
  4. The process for how school uniforms will be sold;
  5. The evaluation of the effectiveness of a site-based policy for school uniforms;
  6. Consequences for students that do not follow the site-based policy for school uniforms; and
  7. Other provisions necessary for the implementation of this Board Policy.

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

1. This Board Policy reflects the goals of the District’s Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
  - a. Board Policy 5700, Safe and Respectful Learning Environment; and
  - b. Board Policy 5400, Student Behavior.
  
2. This Board Policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to include:
  - a. Chapter 388, System of Public Instruction, and specifically:
    - i. NRS 388.121 – 388.137, Provision of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment;
  - b. Chapter 386, Board of Trustees, and specifically:
    - i. NRS 386.855, Authorization to establish policy of uniforms for pupils and dress code for educational personnel; financial assistance for pupils to purchase uniforms; and
    - ii. NRS 392.461-4675, Behavior and Discipline.

**REVISION HISTORY**

Date	Revision	Modification
6/24/2014	1.0	Adopted
4/14/2015	2.0	Revised: moved certain appropriate items to the administrative regulation
9/13/2016	3.0	Revised: removed specifics of adoption process, to include school committees, which are covered in the implementation procedures in the administrative regulation
3/12/2019	4.0	Revised: adds pros; clarifies free days; allows superintendent to make changes when necessary due to change in policy or law
12/14/2021	5.0	Revised: clarify language and align formatting pursuant to BP 9070.
01/19/2024	6.0	Revised: Updated legal requirements to correct NRS. Updated policy masthead.