



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Policy Bulletin

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MAJOR CHANGES: This revision replaces Bulletin BUL-5298.1 of the same title dated October 26, 2015, issued by the Office of the Superintendent. The content has been updated to reflect current contact information and organizational structure.

GUIDELINES: This Bulletin outlines District policy regarding Halloween activities to allow schools to participate in enjoyable, positive, and controlled activities, while maintaining student safety.

The following guidelines shall apply:

- Students and staff may wear costumes to school according to guidelines established by the school.
- One of the most important mandates is that costumes shall not be demeaning to any person or group based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, nationality, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or to any individual staff or student at the school.
- Costumes must comply with the dress code restriction against images that are “vulgar, sexually suggestive, discriminatory, obscene, libelous, contain threats, or that promote illegal or violent content such as the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia” (BUL-6494.0) or cause a significant disruption or distraction to the school program.
- No weapons or replica weapons are to be brought to school.
- Mask may not completely obscure the identity of the student. However, masks may be worn during a parade or other specific activity, provided that safety is not hindered.
- No costume can be worn that is unsafe or that may create a safety hazard. Costumes may not impair a student’s vision or movement (e.g., ability to climb stairs).



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- Students and staff who wish to be excused from participating in a holiday program due to religious beliefs must be accommodated without penalty or bias (see BUL-5479.2).

AUTHORITY: This is a policy of the Division of District Operations.

RELATED RESOURCES BUL-5479.2, Guidelines for Teaching About Religions, issued by Office of Educational Services, dated April 11, 2016.

BUL-6204.1, Holiday Displays and Programs, issued by Office of Educational Services, dated December 7, 2015.

BUL-6494.1, Student Dress Codes/Uniforms, issued by Office of Educational Services, dated June 22, 2015.

BUL-6612.0, Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment) Policy and Complaint Procedure, issued by Office of General Counsel, dated November 19, 2015.

ASSISTANCE: Please contact your Local District Operations Coordinator for questions. For further information, please contact the Division of District Operations at (213) 241-5337.