WEAR THIS NOT THAT

Spirit Dress-up Guidelines

Spirit days are a great way for your student body to show pride and have fun! However, sometimes our spirit can be unintentionally offensive or exclusive. As student leaders it’s our responsibility to create fun days that are inclusive and a positive experience for all of our students, staff and stakeholders. Use this guide to help you be intentional when making spirit day plans.

STOP!
These themes stereotype people in negative ways. We encourage you not to use the following themes.
- Gangster/Thug/Hood
- Frat-boy
- Gender Wars (Boys/Girls wearing exclusive colors)
- Bad & Boujee
- VSCO Girl / Eboy
- Stoplight (Showing your relationship status based on Red, Yellow or Green)

CAUTION:
These themes might be OK, but clearer language and expectations and knowing your demographics could be used to make them more inclusive:
- White Out/Black Out  Wear All White, Wear All Black or Lights Out
- Hawaiian  Tropical / Beach Day
- ‘Murica  America or Red, White & Blue
- Gender Bender / Cross Dress  Mix It Up
- Christmas  Winter or Ice Out
- Red Neck  Country Wear
- Thrift Store  Old School / Decades

GO!
These themes should be inclusive for all:
- Tie-Dye
- Pink Out (Breast Cancer Awareness)
- School Gear
- Decades
- Backwards
- Pajamas
- Crazy Hair / Crazy Socks
- Wear all one color
- Neon
- Sports / Jerseys
- ‘Appropriate’ Scrabble
- Super Hero
- Space / Aliens / Area 51
- Celebrities
- Zombies
- Disney
- Halloween
- Movie Character
- Matching Groups
- Versus (pick 2 themes and let students choose what to wear)
- Emoji
- Clash (polka dots & stripes, black & blue)