

## Sylmar Charter High School Halloween Costume Guidelines



In observance of Halloween on Wednesday, students can wear costumes during the school day. If a student does decide to wear a costume it must not interfere with the student's duties and responsibilities, both in and out of class. Students should plan to wear costumes that are comfortable as they will be worn all day. In choosing a costume you must adhere to the following guidelines:

- 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 (boys as girls and vice versa), nationality, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or to any individual staff or student at the school.
- Costumes may not cause a significant disruption or distraction to the school program such as revealing costumes (e.g., low cut, French maids, nightwear, and bathing suits).
- No costume can be worn that is unsafe or that may create a safety hazard.
- No weapons or replica weapons are to be brought to school.
- No masks are allowed that completely hide the identity of the student; however, masks may be worn during a parade or other specific activity, provided that safety is not hindered, as determined by the site administrator.
- No costumes are allowed that would impair a student's vision or movement (e.g., ability to climb stairs).
- No costumes with any sexually explicit, alcohol or drug related references.

Please understand that these guidelines are put in place to ensure the safety of all our students. If a student's costume is found to be inappropriate, she/he will be asked to remove the costume. Wearing a costume is considered a school privilege.

Approved: Mr. Wright