



## **Halloween Guidelines 2021-2022**

***These guidelines are subject to change based on health and safety guidance from public health and/or federal, state and local authorities.***

Adams 12 Five Star Schools encourages the opportunity for students and families to engage in celebration that is respectful to all cultures, religions, races, and beliefs. In our continued efforts to maintain a respectful, safe and secure learning environment, the following guidelines for Halloween celebrations have been developed. **These guidelines apply to students, staff, and participants of all Halloween celebrations both during and after the school day.**

**Costumes may only be worn on Friday, October 29, 2021**

**Students enrolled in Five Star Online may attend *after school events* at their boundary school and will be expected to follow the guidelines below.**

- ★ Schools may provide an opportunity for celebrations preferably outside, and in alignment with current 2021-22 Health and Safety Protocols.
- ★ Costumes that would otherwise violate the Student Dress Code ([District Policy 5060](#)) will only be allowed if approved by an administrator prior to wearing to school. For safety reasons, Halloween masks, face coverings, or makeup that conceal a student's identity may be worn **only** during designated times such as during a costume contest.
- ★ The following are considered **not appropriate** for school or school events:
  - Costumes that are overly graphic, promote violence or otherwise might logically be assumed to be offensive to others
  - Costumes that are sexually suggestive and would otherwise violate the district's dress code
  - Costumes with sound effects, lights or other components which would disrupt the classroom learning environment
  - Costumes that could be considered insensitive to various races, cultures and religions
  - Toy or facsimile weapons of any kind (guns, knives, swords, bats, etc.) are not allowed
  - Costumes or dress of any kind that may be potentially disruptive to the educational or school environment
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- ★ In alignment with [Superintendent Policy 5060](#), school administrators may ask students or participants to change into school appropriate attire and/or remove Halloween masks, makeup, or costumes.

## **Halloween Guidelines Addendum**

Keep in mind, district and school leadership reevaluate the guidelines each year and make adjustments as needed to ensure a safe celebration for the entire school community. Students who violate or are suspected to be in violation of this policy will be referred to school administration.

***Note for administrators:*** *Be sure to promote your expectations to parents and students prior to Halloween. Plan to be at the door the morning of Halloween and at Halloween themed events to greet students and “screen” as they enter the building. Remember that many families and cultures do not celebrate or support Halloween, thus any planned activities should respect the rights of all students and participation should be optional. Administrators are encouraged to talk with teachers and support staff about their roles in supporting building consistency regarding Halloween expectations.*