

## Student Dress

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that the student's dress and grooming shall not:

- A. Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming shall disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives.
- B. Create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others.
- C. Create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence; or
- D. Imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design, emblem upon any school or personal property or one's person.

The principal, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity if the principal reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming:

- A. Creates a hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others.
- B. Shall prevent, interfere with or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

## Student Dress Code:

The following types of clothing, personal items and/or appearance will not be allowed to be worn or displayed during school, after or before school or at any school sponsored event:

1. Clothing that advertises drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or use of profanity.
2. Sexually suggestive or supportive clothing including halter tops, blouses or T-shirt tops that reveal a student's chest, cleavage, or midriff.
3. Clothing or personal possessions that contain gang-related symbols or writing such as nicknames, "in memory of" or "smile now, cry later" logos.
4. Tattoos or markings deemed as or suspected to be gang-related as well as inappropriate words or sexual references.
5. Items like haircuts, bandanas, headbands or belts and belt buckles believed to be related to gangs.
6. Belts that hang mid-thigh or below the mid-thigh; unfastened suspenders.
7. Oversized or excessively baggy clothing like pants, shorts, shirts that sag or slouch.
8. Pants or shorts worn below the waist line or that show the student's underwear.
9. Pants with legs that hang below the heel or the student's shoes.
10. Any other clothing item or personal property deemed as disruptive and unsafe by the administrator or his /her representative.

### **Discipline and Due Process:**

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the administrator or his /her designee shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the administrator or his /her designee shall notify the parent, if reasonably possible, and request that person to make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent refuse, the administrator or his /her designee shall take appropriate disciplinary action. Students may be suspended, if circumstances so warrant. Students who violate provisions of the dress code relating to extracurricular activities may be removed or excluded from the extracurricular activity for such period as the administrator or his /her designee may determine. All students shall be accorded due process safeguards before any corrective action may be taken.

Students identified as being gang involved, influenced or affiliated shall be provided assistance and/or programs which discourage gang involvement or affiliation, enhance self-esteem, encourage interest and participation in school or other positive activities and promote membership in authorized school organizations.

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