## STUDENT DRESS CODE

Part of the total education of the students is learning to dress appropriately and behave responsibly in a variety of situations. Attendance at school and school-related functions is a specific situation which requires the students to use good judgement. Students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate to the school environment and does not cause disruption to the academic process. Research has shown a correlation between appearance and behavior especially in the school setting.

These regulations will assist parents, students, faculty and administrators in determining appropriate student standards for dress while at school or school-sponsored activities.

- 1. Parents and students maintain responsibility for their dress and personal appearance.
- 2. When any dress or grooming interferes with the cleanliness, health, welfare or safety of students, or when any dress or grooming disrupts the educational process by being distracting, indecent or inappropriate to the educational process, it is prohibited.
- 3. Sponsors and teachers of elective programs (such as vocational classes) or elective activities (such as sports and music) may require more strict standards regarding dress and appearance for participants in their program or activity.
- 4. The principal, with the assistance of the faculty, has the responsibility of uniformly administering the dress code. The decision of the principal is final.
- 5. As new trends in fashion or dress are accepted or become out of date, the District reviews the changing standards of the community served.

Students will observe general guidelines for dress and appearance including:

- 1. No shorts or miniskirts that end above mid-thigh;
- 2. No shirts and blouses that expose the midriff;
- 3. No tank tops, muscle shirts or halters boys must wear shirts with sleeves;
- 4. Hats, coats, bandannas, and sunglasses are not to be carried to, or worn in class;
- 5. No clothing or accessories that promote hate, profanity, vulgar or negative messages or could be interpreted as promoting hate or communicating a negative, profane or vulgar message; anything advertising or related to alcohol, tobacco and drugs, or anything sexually explicit, is not permitted;
- 6. No clothing or accessories which advertise or are in any way related to alcohol, tobacco, drugs or weapons;
- 7. No clothing or accessories with sexual messages explicit or implied;

- 8. No transparent garments, open mesh garments, or garments with large open sides may be worn without an underliner;
- 9. Shoes must be worn and must not present a safety hazard;
- 10. No biking pants or spandex;
- 11. Hair must be clean, worn out of the eyes and groomed at all times; no extreme or distracting hair color or makeup;
- 12. Body-piercing adornments are to be worn in the ears only and are not to be extreme or distracting;
- 13. Lower garments are to be worn at waist level; if a belt is worn, it must be of proper length; undergarments are not to be exposed;
- 14. No "dog collars," spiked bracelets or chains that could be dangerous to persons or destructive to school property;
- 15. No gang-related or cult-related items of any kind and
- 16. No cutoffs, tattered clothing, or clothing with holes.

Violations of the dress code can result in removal from class (until the violation can be resolved) and/or disciplinary action.

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