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SCHOOL DRESS CODE

In order to promote school safety and provide a healthy and respectful educational environment, all students in grades kindergarten through twelve shall adhere to this dress code policy. The objective of this dress code is to provide an appropriate, safe and respectful educational environment while allowing students to dress comfortably, within limits, to facilitate learning. The District expects students to maintain the type of appearance that is not distracting to students, teachers or the educational process of the schools. The final determination of a student's adherence to the dress code will be made by the school administration.

Parents/guardians share equal responsibility with their child for the student's adherence to the dress code policy. Administration and faculty, together, are responsible for enforcement of the dress code. The dress code is enforced at school and school functions not open to the public. The decision of the principal is final with regard to dress code violations.

When dress or grooming interferes with the cleanliness, health, welfare or safety of students, or when dress or grooming disrupts the educational process by being distracting, indecent, or inappropriate, it is prohibited. Clothing must be worn as designed and appropriately sized.

As new trends in fashion or dress emerge or become out of date, the District reviews and revises the dress code to reflect the standards of the community.

Based on input received from principals, staff, and parents, the required dress code shall consist of the following clothing:

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. No clothing is permitted that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence or is offensive or degrading.
2. No clothing associated with gangs.
3. No clothing that exposes underwear or excessive skin, or is transparent or "see-through".

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4. No clothing long enough to drag on the ground.
5. No sunglasses unless prescribed in writing by a medical doctor for indoor wear.
6. No chain wallets or chains that could be dangerous to persons or destructive to school property.
7. No flip-flops, house shoes or slippers.
8. No blankets.

GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 4TH

PANTS, SHORTS, CAPRIS, SKORTS

1. No pajama pants.
2. No excessive holes, tears or rips such that the educational environment could be disrupted.

TOPS

1. No sleeveless tops, including tank tops. Dresses must also have sleeves.
2. No formfitting or oversized baggy shirts.
3. No low-cut, scoop or plunging necklines.
4. No fabrics so sheer as to allow underwear and/or excessive skin to be visible thus disrupting a positive learning environment.
5. Sweatshirts with hoods will only be permissible so long as hoods are not worn in the building.
6. No coats or cold weather jackets worn during the school day unless permission is granted.

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HEAD COVERINGS

1. No hats, caps, scarves, do-rags or headbands.
2. No head coverings except for religious purposes. The student (and if under the age of 18, the parent of the student) is to notify the school authorities of the religious practice in order to prevent the student from being questioned about the attire.
3. Other exceptions may be allowed **only** upon the **prior** approval of the administration.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students who violate this policy are subject to the following disciplinary actions:

1. A warning is issued and the student's parents/guardians are required to pick up a student or bring alternative clothing for the student to wear.
2. If the student misses any class time due to a violation, the student's absence is considered unexcused.
3. Repeated violations may result in other disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct, which may include but not be limited to, detention, suspension and/or expulsion.
4. Building administrators will make the final decision at the building level if a student's attire does not meet the requirements of this policy.

GRADES 5TH THROUGH 12TH

SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION

School-issued IDs must be in the possession of each student while on school property and at school-sponsored events.

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PANTS, SHORTS, CAPRIS, SKORTS AND DRESSES

1. No pajama pants.
2. No excessive holes, rips or tears such that the educational environment could be disrupted.
3. Must be worn at the waist. The waist is determined as the hip bone to the bottom of the rib cage.
4. Shorts, capris, skorts, and dresses cannot be shorter than two (2) inches above the knee.
5. Pants cannot drag on the floor.
6. No slits in skirts or dresses shall be higher than two (2) inches above the knee.

TOPS

1. No sleeveless tops, including tank tops. Dresses must also have sleeves.
2. No form-fitting or oversized baggy shirts.
3. No fabrics so sheer as to allow underwear and/or excessive skin to be visible thus disrupting a positive learning environment.
4. No undershirts.
5. Sweatshirts with hoods will only be permissible so long as hoods are not worn in the building.
6. All tops must meet bottoms. Torso cannot be exposed.
7. No low-cut, scoop or plunging necklines. No more than two (2) inches below the collar bone may be exposed.
8. Dresses that do not meet the requirements for tops must be worn with a top/covering that does.
9. No coats or cold weather jackets worn during the school day unless permission is granted.

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1. The student's parents/guardians will be requested to pick up a student or bring alternative clothing for the student to wear.
2. Class time missed due to a violation of this policy will be marked as in-school suspension.
3. Repeated violations will result in other disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct, which may include, but are not limited to: detention, suspension, and/or expulsion.
4. The administrator will make the final decision, at the building level, if a student's attire is inappropriate or does not meet the requirements of this policy.

U.S. Const. Amend. I
R.C. 3313.20; 3313.665