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REGULATION

STUDENT DRESS

The Governing Board recognizes that students' dress affects the educational program of the schools. The school principal shall determine whether the dress of pupils adheres to Policy JICA and this regulation.

The school dress policy will be in effect on the first day of the school year. All students are required to arrive at school each day well-groomed and neatly dressed in clothing that meets the requirements set forth in this regulation. Standardized clothes are required during school and when participating in school-sponsored events and activities. School-approved athletic team and other club uniforms may be worn when applicable and appropriate. New students transferring into the District will have up to five (5) school days to become acquainted with and adhere to the District's policy.

Students may not wear clothing or engage in grooming practices that present a health or safety hazard to the individual student or to others; materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program; cause excessive wear or damage to school property; or prevent the student from achieving his or her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

General requirements for clothing and accessories:

- A. No light blue or red clothing can be worn in a manner interpreted by school authorities as "gang style" by virtue of its arrangement or placement.
- B. Clothing and accessories must be clean, properly fitted, and worn as intended.
- C. Obscene language or symbols, or symbols of sex, drugs, or alcohol are prohibited.
- D. The display of gang-related personalization, symbols, or identifiers on clothing, jewelry, or accessories on one's person is prohibited.
- E. Hoodies may be worn with front zippers, but pull-over hoodies are prohibited. Hoodie hats cannot be worn in the building.

Shirts:

- A. Shirts will be polo, a shirt with a collar, or nice blouse. Shirts may have short or long sleeves. Plaid shirts are allowed but must be buttoned appropriately so as to not signal gang membership.
- B. School-approved T-shirt with an official school logo or school-specified, school-related emblem may be worn at any time for students in grades K-12. Other T-shirts may be worn on designated days, subject to administration approval.
- C. Students in grades Pre-K through 3 may wear t-shirts with cartoon characters. Students in all other grades may wear t-shirts only if they represent Sanders school teams or school pride.

Pants, shorts, skirts, capris, skorts, or A-line jumpers:

- A. Only tailored shorts and skirts that are hemmed may be worn in grades Pre-kindergarten (PK) through twelve (12).
- B. Blue denim jeans, shorts, skirts, etc. are acceptable as are cotton, cotton-blend, or khakis as long as they are presentable (no holes, tears or frayed).
- C. Pants, shorts, skirts, capris, skorts, jumpers, dresses, tops over leggings, et cetera, must be of an appropriate length. An appropriate length for shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, dresses, tops over leggings, et cetera, is at or approaching knee-length as determined by a measurement of fingertip length or mid-thigh (whichever is longer). Fingertip length is determined by the student standing in a relaxed position with arms fully extended downward at both sides.

Accessories:

- A. Bare feet are never acceptable. In the interests of student safety, shoes must be worn at all times. Closed shoes are to be worn for any type of physical activity, such as physical education, et cetera.
- B. Teachers or specific classes, clubs, or activities (in consultation with the principal) may require specific types of footwear or stricter dress code requirements in the interest of student safety.
- C. Jewelry shall not be worn if it presents a safety hazard to self and/or others.
- D. Profane or defamatory writing on clothing or jewelry is not acceptable.
- E. No bandannas or similar cloth items indicating or implying gang membership may be worn, carried, or displayed on school grounds or at any school activity. This also includes simulations of anything representing "colors."
- F. No headwear may be worn in classrooms or hallways, except for properly approved occupational safety headwear required for special classes. An exemption to this provision would be made to the headgear rule if the student's religion requires or promotes the wearing of religious headgear (i.e., headscarves, yarmulkes, Khimar).
- G. Gang-related personalization is not permitted on headwear, clothing items, or on one's person.
- H. Obscene language or symbols, or symbols of drugs, sex, tobacco, alcohol, or violence on clothing are expressly prohibited.

Exceptions for special activities or health considerations may be preapproved by the administrator.

Students who volunteer for extracurricular activities, such as athletics, band, chorus, et cetera, are subject to the standards of dress as defined by the sponsors of such activities.

Exceptions to the uniform requirement:

A student may "Opt Out" of compliance with the uniform policy in the following situations:

1. A student who participates in a nationally recognized youth organization (i.e., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, et cetera) will be allowed to wear their organization's uniform to school on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting, or activity.
2. Accommodations can be made if the school dress code or components of the dress code interfere with a student's sincerely held religious beliefs. Accommodations will be made on an individual basis.
3. Accommodations can be made for a student with a medical condition that prevents the student from adhering to the dress code policy. Accommodations can be made upon presentation of proper medical documentation and upon approval by an appropriate medical professional of the District, such as the school health aide.
4. A student may be granted an accommodation to the dress code policy for reasons not listed above, if the student can demonstrate a compelling reason for the accommodation. Other compelling reasons will be narrowly construed in favor of enforcing Policy JICA and this regulation. These determinations will be made on an individual basis.

Dress code enforcement:

- A. Enforcement of the dress code starts with each parent and student exercising responsibility and good judgment.
- B. All professional staff members have the obligation of reporting school dress code violations. Each violation shall be documented.
- C. The following is the procedure for students in noncompliance with the mandatory school dress code policy in the schools:

Compliance Measures:

A "progressive discipline" approach is to be employed by the school staff to encourage full and consistent compliance with the least amount of disciplinary action. The same disciplinary actions applied to enforce other school and District rules may be utilized.