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5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board of Education recognizes each pupil's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of the pupil's personal style and individual preferences. The Board will impose its judgment on pupils and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) only when a pupil's dress and grooming affect the educational program of the schools.

The Board of Education prohibits pupils from wearing, while on school property, any type of clothing, apparel or accessory which indicates that the pupil has membership in, or affiliation with, any gang associated with criminal activities. The local law enforcement agency will advise the Board, upon request, of gangs which are associated with criminal activities.

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to enforce school regulations prohibiting pupil dress or grooming practices which:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety of the pupil himself/herself or to others in the school (i.e.), clothing of excessive length that touches the floor.
- Interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
- Cause excessive wear or damage to school property including shoes with skate wheels on/in the soles as well as neck chains, or collars and jewelry that pose a hazard to the health and safety of self and others.
- Prevent the pupil from achieving his or her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.
- Clothing that exposes the midriff, tank tops with thin (spaghetti) straps, halter tops, beachwear, low-cut blouses/shirts, or shirts which promote drugs, tobacco, alcohol or profanity of any kind, in addition flip flop sandals, chains of any kind hanging off clothing, head coverings, high heel shoes (more than 2 inches) are prohibited. Shorts and skirts may not be shorter than where the fingertips touch the leg with an extended arm.

The Building Principal shall determine whether the dress or grooming of pupils comes within these prohibitions.

Staff members shall demonstrate by example and precept wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.



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The Superintendent shall, on consultation with staff members, pupils, and parent(s) or legal guardian(s), prepare a dress code that imposes only minimum and necessary limitations on a pupil's taste and individuality.

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