SECTION: STUDENTS

TITLE: STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

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<th>1. Purpose</th>
<th>The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the rights of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices disrupt the educational program of the schools or affect the health and safety of others. Families are expected to exercise prudent judgment in the selection of appropriate attire for school. Paramount to proper dress is good hygiene. All students are expected to come to school clean and well groomed.</th>
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| 2. Authority | **SC 1317.3**  The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school and at all school sponsored activities. The Board shall require students to comply with the Board dress and grooming policy and the administrative regulations governing student dress and grooming.  
**Title 22 Sec. 12.11**  Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health and/or safety of the student. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste. |
| 3. Delegation of Responsibility | The Board authorizes the building principal or designee to monitor student dress and grooming and enforce school rules governing student dress and grooming practices which:  
1. Present a hazard to the health and/or safety of the student or to others in the school  
2. Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program |
4. **Guidelines**

The dress code established by the District is meant to be a learning experience that will prepare students to be contributing and productive members of society. Due to the vast array of clothing styles available in today’s marketplace, it is impossible to list everything that would be acceptable to wear in school. Therefore dress and grooming for students shall be established through administrative regulations. The dress and grooming administrative regulations established for each school shall be published in the student handbook each year. The following is a general list of nine guidelines to be followed:

1. Pants must be worn at waist or above and undergarments should not be exposed when standing or sitting.
2. No skin is to be exposed between shirt top and pants.
3. Hooded sweatshirts or hoodies may be worn, however, the hood may not cover the head.
4. Clothing, patches, buttons, pins, tattoos, and jewelry with objectionable wording and/or symbols or advocating violence are not permitted.
5. Clothing, patches, buttons, pins, tattoos, and jewelry which advocate, advertise, or promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, weapons and/or drugs are not permitted.
6. Shoes must be worn at all times.
7. Jewelry is subject to safety related policies where applicable (gym class, fitness class, shop, sports, etc.). Students will be required to remove jewelry for classes where it poses a safety concern.
8. Hats, hoods, bandanas, and visors are not permitted to be worn in school (exceptions may be made for religious, cultural or medical reasons).
9. Students are permitted to wear face masks that meet the CDC guidelines as follows:
   - The mouth and nose are fully covered
   - The covering fits snugly against the sides of the face so there are no gaps
   - You do not have any difficulty breathing while wearing the cloth face covering
   - The cloth face covering can be tied or otherwise secured to prevent slipping

The building administration will make the final decision as to whether a student’s dress or grooming is appropriate. The concern will be handled privately with the individual student.
Students dressed inappropriately may be required to change into alternate clothing provided by the District. Disciplinary action will be considered for continued failure to comply with administrative regulations. The building administration has the right to make exceptions to the dress and grooming regulations.