PASCO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

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STUDENTS

Student Dress

Preventing disruptions to the learning environment and assuring the safety and well-being of all students are primary concerns of the board of directors.

Students' choices in matters of dress should be made in consultation with their parent(s) or guardian(s), consistent with district policy.

Student dress shall be regulated when, in the judgment of school administrators, there is a reasonable expectation that:

A. A health or safety hazard shall be presented by the student's dress or appearance;

B. Damage to school property shall result from the student's dress; or

C. A material and substantial disruption of the educational process will result from the student's dress or appearance.

For the purpose of this policy, a material and substantial disruption of the educational process may be found to exist when a student's conduct is inconsistent with any part of the educational mission of the school district. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, the use, possession or display of obscene, sexual, drug or alcohol-related messages, or gang-related apparel or paraphernalia.

The superintendent shall establish procedures providing guidance to students, parents and staff regarding appropriate student dress in school or while engaging in extracurricular activities. Such procedures shall ensure that any student wearing, carrying, or displaying gang-related apparel, or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student shall be subject to disciplinary action if corrections are not undertaken. Building administrators are authorized, within the scope of this policy and procedure, and with the approval of the superintendent, to adopt specific student dress codes at each school.

Cross References:	Board Policy 3220	Freedom of Expression
Legal References:	WAC 392-400-215	Student Rights
	392-400-225	School district rules defining misconduct

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