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STUDENT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES	JICA-Guidelines

### **Student Dress Code Guidelines Grades 6-12**

In accordance with Rogers Board of Education Policy JICA, students in the Rogers Public Schools are permitted to make individual choices related to their personal clothing and appearance, provided those choices promote a respectful environment in the school and do not

- threaten the health and/or safety of those in the school or
- interfere with the orderly conduct of the school's activities.

The following specific guidelines are provided to assist students, parents, and staff in interpreting and enforcing this policy. Additional guidelines may be adopted by individual schools, with the approval of the building principal and the assistant superintendent.

1. Items which could be used as weapons are not permitted (chains, even if attached to billfolds or purses; large metal studs/spikes in clothing or accessories; etc.).

2. Clothing with inappropriate pictures or writing is not permitted:

- Advertising for alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or other prohibited/illegal substances
- Obscene or sexually suggestive language/symbols/pictures
- Intimidating or threatening language/symbols/pictures

3. Clothing which violates standards of good taste and propriety is not permitted:

- Clothing that exposes the underwear or buttocks, or the breast of a female (This does not apply to a costume or uniform worn by a student participating in a school sponsored activity or event.)
- Shirts & blouses with low necklines or large armholes, if inappropriately revealing
- See-through clothing
- Clothing with holes above mid-thigh
- Clothing which does not cover the midriff
- Caps/hats (unless authorized by building administration)
- Inappropriately short skirts/pants (should generally be mid-thigh in length)
- Exposed undergarments (includes boxer shorts worn as outer garments)
- Clothing which is too tight, too loose, or exposes too much skin, if the effect is inappropriate

- Dirty clothing

4. Clothing/accessories which may show gang affiliation is not permitted:

- Bandanas or other "colors"
- "Sagging" pants
- Caps, jackets, headbands, hairnets, etc., if intended to identify as a gang member

### **General Notes**

These guidelines are not intended to be overly restrictive or to inhibit individual expressions of style, but rather to ensure that the schools are safe, healthy, and free of distractions. Parents and students are expected to see that the guidelines are followed so that few disputes should arise. In cases where violations are identified, the decision of the building administrators shall be final.

Building principals are authorized to approve exceptions to these guidelines for groups representing the school, provided that the exception does not violate the general focus on health, safety, and the orderly conduct of school activities.

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