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Student Dress and Grooming

The purpose of this policy is to encourage students to dress for "success" and come to school properly prepared for participating in the educational process. The Mineral County School District recognizes that, within certain limits, each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of individual and personal style and preference. The primary responsibility for dress and grooming rests with the student and the student's parent/guardian except where his/her choices affect the school's educational program or the health and safety of others. The District reserves the right to insist that the dress and grooming of all students be within the limits of accepted community standards. Fashions and fads that become a health or safety hazard to oneself or others will not be allowed.

Student dress and grooming to meet standards, which ensure that the following conditions do not exist:

- Disruption or interference with the classroom learning environment;
- Threat to the health and/or safety of the student concerned or of other students.

Students who represent the school in a voluntary activity may be required to conform to dress and grooming standards and may be denied the opportunity to participate if those standards are not met.

Student's dress, personal appearance, are required to be of such character as not to detract from the educational environment of the school, present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or others in the school, cause excessive wear or damage to school premises or property, or to prevent the student from achieving his/her educational objective. Any style that tends to diminish instructional effectiveness or discipline control by teachers is not acceptable. The school administration shall have the right to designate which types of dress or appearance disrupts the educational program and may be considered a potential safety hazard.

Any student wearing or carrying gang, drug, or alcohol paraphernalia or symbols, or making gestures that symbolize gang membership shall be referred to the site administrator. The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted, and the student shall be sent home to change clothes if necessary (See Gang Activity or Association regulation). Students must meet all other policy standards. The wearing of shorts in elementary grades (K-5) will be at the discretion of the site administrator.

School organizations or departments that sponsor off-campus athletics or other school related activities may adopt special rules regarding dress and grooming to be followed when representing the school in such activities. Each school will be responsible for in-service activities to acquaint student and staff with the enforcement procedures of these requirements.
This policy must:

- Require the wearing of shoes. Footwear, which does not offer sanitary, or safety protection shall be prohibited. No shoes with wheels.

- Require the wearing of shirts or tops appropriately buttoned and in accordance of the design of that shirt or top. The length must extend below the belt level. No see-through or bare belly shirts or tops (this includes off-color bras that bring attention to the undergarments of an individual). Shirts are not allowed to be low cut, or loose and revealing, showing any part of the chest or torso. Tops must cover at least 3" of the shoulder.

- Require that safety be followed for any specialty class such as shop, home economics, physical education, and chemistry. Prohibit the wearing of transparent clothing, bare midriff tops, strapless tops, low cut clothing, or any other outfits/items that provide only minimum coverage. Dresses, tops, and tank tops must have a minimum 3" strap, must cover the back, and must not have an extended dropped armhole.

- **Allow** the wearing of hats and beanies in classrooms and other areas designated as appropriate by the site administrator. Hat and beanies must allow for an adult to be able to identify the student. This policy does not allow the wearing of hoodies attached to jackets or sweatshirts.

- Prohibit obscene language, symbols, slogans or advertising, drug/alcohol slogans and symbols, symbols or slogans of violence or sexual innuendo, or that imply gang membership or affiliation.

- Require clothing to be so constructed as not to be revealing. All clothing must be styled and worn so no underwear is exposed.

- Prohibit any dress or lack thereof that causes a disruption of the educational process.

- Accessories that could be used as a weapon or pose a danger are forbidden due to safety concerns.

- Any clothes, colors, armbands, handkerchiefs, bandanas, or jewelry that display gang affiliation, lewd or profane slogans, hate language, ethnic slurs, and/or promote violence, sex, drugs, tobacco or alcohol are forbidden.

- Piercings that pose a danger are forbidden.

Because of safety concerns, the administration may restrict certain articles of clothing, jewelry, and/or footwear from being worn or brought to school. This could be done either on a temporary or permanent basis in order to protect students and staff.

The site administrator shall retain the authority to grant exceptions to the school dress policy for special occasions and/or special conditions.

The site administrator, in connection with the sponsor, coach or other person in charge of an extra-curricular activity may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity and may impose higher standards.

Students enrolled in a lab or shop class must follow any special clothing guidelines specified by the teacher. Students are expected to bring special clothes to wear during Physical Education class (P.E.) and must change out of P.E. clothes prior to attending other classes.

END OF POLICY

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