Washington County School District
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District Policy 2200

Student Dress Code

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1. Purpose and Philosophy

The Board of Education of the Washington County School District recognizes that every student in the schools should have the opportunity to learn in an environment which is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from unnecessary disruption. To foster such an environment the following policy establishes the framework for school dress and grooming.

2. Policy:

2.1. Students who attend the schools of Washington County School District are expected to come to school dressed and groomed appropriately for a learning environment and show respect for others by supporting the following dress and grooming standards. These standards are intended to ensure that every school in the Washington County School District will be a safe place for each student to learn, free from physical or moral threats and free from intimidation by others, to include gangs and gang appearance.

3. Procedure:

3.1. Dress and Grooming standards:

3.1.1. The attire (apparel) and grooming of all students should be neat, clean and safe.

3.1.2. Students shall avoid apparel that causes a distraction or disruption, interrupting school decorum and adversely affecting the educational process. Students must also avoid apparel that is offensive, represents a risk, threatens student safety, or resembles non-human characteristics.

3.1.2.1. Printed apparel is acceptable only if it is in good taste. Any apparel displaying profanity, suggestive slogans, pictures/graphics, or promoting substances illegal for consumption by a minor, will not be allowed.

3.1.2.2. School wear should be appropriate in length and not revealing. Clothing must cover the torso. Clothes that show undergarments are not permitted. Tube tops are not permitted.

3.1.2.3. Any apparel acceptable for school wear should be worn in accompaniment with appropriate undergarments.

3.1.2.4. Footwear must be worn and should be safe and hygienic. Shoes, boots and sandals are considered suitable footwear.

3.1.2.5. Clothing attachments or accessories which could be considered weapons are not allowed.

3.1.2.6. Students have a responsibility to cooperate fully with clothing standards required for special classes (such as shop, home economics, laboratories, physical education) and special school activities.

3.1.2.7. Hats and other headwear may be worn unless it disrupts the school or school activity, poses a danger to self or others, or limits the ability of other to identify the student. Any headwear that does not allow the student's face to be visible is not allowed.

3.1.3. Gang behavior, apparel or grooming is not appropriate at school. (Policy 2110 - Safe Schools Policy)

3.1.3.1. As gang grooming styles and clothing continually evolve and change, the following prohibited items that have commonly denoted gang membership or affiliation are only representative of prohibited clothing. Additional grooming styles and apparel may be considered gang-affiliated, as identified in consultation with school officials and law enforcement authorities. Bandannas or any article of clothing or accessory bearing gang symbols, names, initials, insignia, or style of dress that indicates gang affiliation will not be allowed.

3.2. Consequences for violation of the Student Dress and Grooming Policy

3.2.1. A student in violation of the "Student Dress and Grooming Policy" may be sent home to make the changes necessary to be in compliance with policy. The student may return as soon as the required changes are made.

3.2.2. Students who dress or groom in a manner that demonstrates gang affiliation may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion.

3.2.3. Disciplinary interventions or suspension from school may occur for continued insubordination of directions with regards to the Student Dress and Grooming Policy. (Policy 2110 Safe Schools Policy; Utah Code 53G-8-210)

3.3. Every school is to include the Student Dress and Grooming Policy in their student handbooks.