



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: First and Final Reading of FNCA (LOCAL) Student Conduct Dress Code

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Deputy Superintendent

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: April 20, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees Approve revisions to Local Policy FNCA:
Student Conduct: Dress Code

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

PROPOSED REVISIONS

Purpose

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

General Guidelines

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF(LEGAL).

In addition, the district prohibits the following:

1. Oversized, baggie, loose-fitting pants and pajama pants shall not be permitted.
2. No torn or ripped clothing of any kind.
3. Shirts and blouses must have sleeves and collars and must cover the midriff. Any clothes that are suggestive or indecent or which cause a distraction are prohibited including tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs, midriff and any sheer garments.
4. Undergarments must cover all private areas of the body and shall not be visible.
5. A garment may be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
6. Indecent, inappropriate patches, writings or drawings on clothing, purses, bags, backpacks, personal belongings, or on the body are prohibited.
7. Clothing and accessories with inappropriate advertising or statements that are lewd offensive, vulgar, obscene or defamatory (i.e. alcoholic beverages, sex, tobacco, politics, drugs, gangs, weapons, ammunition, etc.).

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the

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general guidelines set out above and with the student dress code outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and student handbook.

Outerwear

For purposes of maintaining school safety, long coats extending below mid-thigh, including but not limited to, trench coats, shall not be permitted.

In addition, for purposes of maintaining standardized dress, all sweatshirts, jackets, sweaters, and sweater vests must be worn over a standard dress-approved shirt/blouse. Any outerwear garment shall be appropriately sized at the shoulders, sleeves, and length.

Students in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1–5 shall be allowed to wear outerwear garments such as jackets, sweaters, sweater vests, and sweatshirts with or without hoods/hoodies and with or without buttons or zippers in any color; however, students shall not be allowed to wear any type of hood/hoodie inside the school building.

Students at the secondary level shall be allowed to wear outerwear garments such as jackets, cardigans, or sweatshirts with or without hoods/hoodies, in any color. Students shall not be allowed to wear any type of hood/hoodie inside the school building. Official letterman jackets, school jackets, and school logos on outerwear garments shall be permitted.

V-neck sweaters, crew neck sweaters, and sweater vests shall be allowed in the appropriate color, including navy, white, ~~and the high school designated color.~~

Footwear

Students shall be required to wear shoes with soles. Students shall not wear house slippers, flip flops, athletic slides, or other footwear that constitutes a safety hazard. Students shall also be prohibited from wearing steel-toed boots, shoes, and skate shoes to school.

Standardized Dress

In an effort to improve student learning and to facilitate a safe learning environment, the District shall mandate student uniforms for students in prekindergarten–grade 8. Student uniforms shall ensure that District and campus staff are able to easily identify students to better secure the campus.

Effective the 2022–2023 school year, the District shall require all prekindergarten–grade 8 students to wear a school uniform. All clothing must adhere to District standards and be in an approved color as established in this policy and administrative regulations.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy and the District's standardized dress requirements, uniform means the specific kinds of articles of clothing commonly available at a variety of retail outlets that are required to

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be worn by prekindergarten–grade 8 students during normal school hours.

Uniforms consisting of khaki, navy blue, or black solid shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, capris, and trousers with solid white or navy blue long- or short-sleeved blouses or shirts with collars shall be worn by prekindergarten–grade 8 students. A solid navy, white, or designated school color shall also apply to optional undershirts or turtlenecks.

Uniform specifications include the following:

1. Khaki, navy blue, or black solid shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, and jumpers that fit well and are not oversized or undersized. Attire must fit at the waist and must not sag.
2. Uniform pants/shorts, skirts, capris, skorts, cargo style shorts or pants, and skinny style pants shall be permitted. Oversized, baggie or loose-fitting pants shall not be permitted. Jeans, denim pants, overalls, velour/sweat pants, warm-up pants, pajama style pants, or wide-legged style pants do not meet uniform requirements and shall not be permitted.
3. Shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers/dresses must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Slits on garments shall be no more than three inches above the knee.
4. Tights shall be allowed under attire that meets uniform specifications. Tights shall only be solid navy, black, or white; no embellishments shall be allowed.
5. Shirts must fit well and not be oversized or undersized. Shirts must have collars and may be polo-style or dress-style. Sheer shirts shall not be allowed.

Each prekindergarten–grade 8 student wearing standardized dress must also conform to all other dress code requirements as noted above at General Guidelines.

Exemption

Each student shall wear the approved school uniform unless the student's parent or guardian has requested and been granted an exemption in accordance with this policy and administrative regulations. [See FNCA(LEGAL) and (EXHIBIT)]

A student who has been granted an exemption from standardized dress must adhere to the requirements above at General Guidelines

Spirit Shirts

Students in all grade levels shall be permitted to wear school spirit or club/organization shirts with the designated name or mascot on any day of the week, provided that the shirt corresponds with the

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campus where the student is enrolled. All shirts must have sleeves and students must conform to all other dress code requirements in policy and administrative regulations.

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor, and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct. [See FO series]