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## **504 STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to enhance the education of students by establishing expectations of dress and grooming that are related to educational goals and community standards.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The policy of the Crosslake Community School is to encourage students to be dressed appropriately for school activities and in keeping with community standards. This is a joint responsibility of the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s).
- B. Appropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - 1. **Inside or outside** clothing appropriate for the weather, **the seasons, or the temperature.**
  - 2. Clothing that does not create a health or safety hazard.
  - 3. Clothing appropriate for the activity (i.e., physical education or the classroom).
- C. Inappropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Clothing bearing a message that is lewd, vulgar, obscene, **or indecent.**
  - 2. Apparel promoting products or activities that are illegal for use by minors.
  - 4. **Shirts must cover entire upper body, shoulders, waist, and navel.**
  - 5. Objectionable emblems, badges, symbols, signs, words, objects or pictures on clothing or accessories communicating a message that is racist, sexist, or otherwise derogatory to a protected minority group, evidences gang membership or affiliation, or approves, advances or provokes any form of religious, racial or sexual harassment and/or violence against other individuals.
  - 6. Any apparel, footwear, or accessories that would damage school property.
- D. The wearing of headgear, including hats and caps, is not allowed in the building except with the approval of the Director for religious, medical, or other reasons or for special events, etc. with prior approval.
- E. It is not the intention of this policy to abridge the rights of students to express political, religious, philosophical, or similar opinions by wearing apparel on which such messages are stated. Such messages are acceptable as long as they are not lewd, vulgar, obscene, defamatory, profane or do not advocate violence or harassment against others.
- F. "Gang," as used in this policy, means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more criminal acts, which has an identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol, and whose members individually or collectively engage in or whose members engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity. "Pattern of gang activity" means the commission, attempt to commit, conspiring to commit, or solicitation of two or more criminal acts, provided the criminal acts were committed on separate dates or by two or more persons who are members of or belong to the same criminal street gang.

### **III. PROCEDURES**

- A. When, in the judgment of **CCS' staff**, a student's appearance, grooming, or mode of dress **distracts**, interferes with or disrupts the educational process or school activities, or poses a threat to the health or safety of the student or others, the student will be directed to make modifications or will be sent home for the day. Parents/guardians will be notified.

- B. The administration may recommend a form of dress considered appropriate for a specific event and communicate the recommendation to students and parents/guardians.
- C. Likewise, an organized student group may recommend a form of dress for students considered appropriate for a specific event and make such recommendation to the administration for approval.

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