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STUDENT DRESS CODE

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BOARD POLICY

1. Dress and grooming codes are based upon certain sound foundations, not just arbitrarily selected and dictatorially enforced without a justifiable cause. Codes and laws which address indecent exposure, personal well-being, health, safety and sanitation are basic fundamentals of society. Due to evidence that suggests that a definite relationship does exist between good dress habits, good work habits, and proper school behavior, conditions conducive to learning will not be impaired or compromised due to temporary or individual fashion fads. No student's appearance will cause a distraction to such an extent that it will hinder another student's right to a conducive educational environment.
2. The administration, faculty, and students of Tupelo Public School District recognize that students must be aware of the importance of acceptable standards of personal appearance and dress. All students will be expected to dress in a manner that reflects favorably upon the efforts of the total educational community to provide the best learning experience possible for each student. It is the goal of the TPSD Student Dress Code to reflect neatness, cleanliness, and self-respect so that the school is a desirable place in which to promote learning and character development.
3. The **District** dress code of ~~Tupelo Public School District~~ is not all-inclusive--it is virtually impossible to write a dress and grooming code which will properly address every detail and aspect of appropriate dress and grooming. Therefore, it may become necessary for the building principal or a member of the administrative staff to make a judgment as to whether a student is properly groomed and/or dressed. Students may not wear attire that causes a disruption to the educational environment.
4. The Board prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in a group which advocates drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior. This policy shall be applied at the discretion of the principal, after consultation with the superintendent, as the need arises at individual school sites.
5. ~~To that end,~~ **The Board authorizes the superintendent to implement specific dress codes will be adopted** for all students in accordance with their grade classification.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

A student who is not attired appropriately or exhibits grooming which is detrimental and/or ~~distractive~~ **causes a disruption to the educational** school environment shall be asked to refrain from wearing the inappropriate attire in the future **and/or** shall be required to make arrangements for more suitable or appropriate dress. If the arrangement for more suitable clothing requires the student to be absent from class, the absence will be designated as unexcused.

It should be a matter of personal pride for a student of the Tupelo Public School District to maintain high standards of neatness and appropriateness of dress and appearance. Therefore, the following guidelines will be observed

1. Grades 7-12

1.1. The minimum length for shorts is three inches above the knee. Shorts shall not be worn by any student between October 1 and April 1 of each school year unless the shorts are knee length. Cut-off blue jean shorts are inappropriate prohibited as well as shorts with holes, tears and/or shreds. Holes, tears, and/or shreds will not be permitted on any clothing. Athletic shorts are ~~inappropriate~~ **prohibited**. Athletic shorts include gym shorts, cycling shorts, Umbros, or shorts of a plastic or spandex material.

1.2. The length of dresses and skirts will not exceed three inches above the top of the knee and will also be appropriate for bending, stooping, sitting, and working overhead while at school.

1.3. Transparent clothing without proper underclothing is ~~inappropriate~~ **prohibited**. Transparent windsuits are ~~inappropriate~~ **prohibited**. Wind suits that are part of a TPSD athletic uniform are appropriate.

1.4. Muscle shirts, tube tops, tank tops, and fish-net tops are ~~inappropriate~~ **prohibited**.

1.5. No clothing top shall be so low in the front as to expose any part of the breast or shall be so low in the back to expose the shoulder blades.

1.6. The midriff shall not be exposed while walking, standing, and/or sitting.

1.7. An overshirt is permitted as long as a proper undergarment is worn.

1.8. Any article of clothing which contains or depicts the following is prohibited:

a. Substances illegal by law for minors--alcohol, drugs, tobacco.

b. Profane, suggestive, and/or violent language. Examples of clothing which include suggestive language including shirts from Fudpucker's and Hooter's.

c. Derogatory symbols or remarks directed to any ethnic group.

1.9. Any jewelry and/or items of ornamentation which depicts weapons of violence or substances illegal to minors are prohibited.

1.10. Hair shall be free from obnoxious odors, and shall be clean and neat in appearance. Hair shall not obstruct vision, and hair shall not be extreme in color. Picks, combs, and rollers shall not be worn in the hair.

1.11. Basketball jerseys will not be worn without appropriate underclothing.

1.12. Shoes and/or sandals shall be worn. Shoes designed to be laced will be laced. Shoes with cleats and houseshoes are inappropriate prohibited.

1.13. Loose and/or sagging pants, slacks, and shorts falling below the waist without a belt are inappropriate prohibited. Sweat pants and leggings are inappropriate prohibited.

1.14. Sunglasses will be removed from the head when entering a building.

1.15. Hats and caps, unless a part of a TPSD athletic uniform, shall not be brought to school. A practicing physician's statement permitting a head-dress for a specific period of time will be permitted. The penalty for bringing a hat or cap to school is confiscation. The hat or cap will be returned to the student upon completion of the school year.

1.16. Neither male or female students shall be permitted to wear rings and/or studs in their noses or other exposed body parts other than the ear.

1.17. Doo-rags, bandannas, and washcloths are inappropriate prohibited.

1.18. All fasteners and buckles designed for use with an article of clothing will be used appropriately at all times.

1.19. Restrictions on a student's manner of dress or grooming will be determined:

(a) Where there is a clear and present danger to the student's health and safety; or
(b) When the attire causes an interference with work, a disruption to the educational environment, or creates classroom or school disorder as a result of such manner of dress or grooming.

1.20. To that extent trench coats, full-length coats which extend below the hips of the student or other items of clothing which could be utilized to conceal dangerous or prohibited items are not allowed. Hip length jackets and blazers may not be worn inside buildings.

2. Grades K-6

2.1. Students are permitted to wear shorts in warm weather provided the shorts are of adequate size and length. The minimum length for shorts is index finger length with arms extended when dropped from the side. Cut-off blue jean shorts are inappropriate as well as shorts with holes, tears, and/or shreds. Holes, tears, and/or shreds will not be permitted on any clothing.

2.2 The length of dresses and skirts will not exceed four inches above the top of the knee and will also be appropriate for bending, stooping, sitting and working overhead while at school.

2.3. Transparent clothing without proper underclothing is inappropriate.

Transparent wind suits are inappropriate. Wind suits may be worn provided that they are not transparent.

2.4. Muscle shirts, tube tops, tank tops, and fishnet tops are inappropriate.

2.5. No clothing shall be so low in the front as to expose any part of the breast or shall be so low in the back to expose the shoulder blades.

2.6. The midriff shall not be exposed while walking, standing, and/or sitting.

2.7. An overshirt is permitted as long as a proper undergarment is worn.

2.8. Any article of clothing which contains or depicts the following is prohibited:

(a) Substances illegal by law for minors – alcohol, drugs, tobacco.

(b) Profane, suggestive, and/or violent language. Examples of clothing which include suggestive language including shirts from Fudpucker's, Hooter's and wrestling

shirts.

(c) Derogatory symbols or remarks directed to any ethnic group.

2.9. Any jewelry and/or items of ornamentation which depicts weapons of violence or substances illegal to minors are prohibited.

2.10. Hair shall be free from obnoxious odors, and shall be clean and neat in appearance. Hair shall not obstruct vision, and hair shall not be extreme in color. Picks, combs, and rollers shall not be worn in the hair.

2.11. Basketball jerseys will not be worn without appropriate underclothing.

2.12. Shoes and/or sandals shall be worn. Shoes designed to be laced will be laced. Shoes with cleats and houseshoes are inappropriate.

2.13. Loose and/or sagging pants, slacks, and shorts falling below the waist without a belt are inappropriate.

2.14. Sunglasses will be removed from the head when entering a building.

2.15. Hats and caps, unless a part of a special event, shall not be worn in the building. The penalty for wearing a hat or cap in the building is confiscation. The hat or cap will be returned to the parent upon completion of the school year.

2.16. Neither male or female students shall be permitted to wear rings and/or studs in their noses or other exposed body parts other than the ear.

2.17. Doo-rags, bandannas, and wash clothes are inappropriate.

2.18. All fasteners and buckles designed for use with an article of clothing will be used appropriately at all times.

2.19. Restrictions on a student's manner of dress or grooming will be determined:

(a) Where there is a clear and present danger to the student's health and safety; or

(b) When the attire causes an interference with work, a disruption to the educational environment, or creates classroom or school disorder as a result of such manner of dress or grooming.

2.20. To that extent trench coats, full-length coats which extend below the hips of the student or other items of clothing which could be utilized to conceal dangerous or prohibited items are not allowed. Hip length jackets and blazers may not be worn inside buildings.

3. The Fillmore Center

3.1. A safe and disciplined learning environment is the first requirement of a good school. Young people who are safe and secure and who learn basic American values and the essentials of good citizenship are better students. In response to the growing levels of violence in schools, the alternative school staff recognizes school uniforms as one are a positive and creative way to reduce discipline problems and increase school safety.

3.2. A school uniform policy can promote school safety, improve discipline, and enhance the learning environment. The potential benefits of school uniforms include:

- Decrease in violence and theft among students over designer clothing
- Help prevent gang members from wearing gang colors and insignia at school
- Instilling students with discipline

- Helping parents and students with peer pressure
- Helping students concentrate on their school work
- Helping school officials recognize intruders who come to the school

It is with these things in mind that we set forth the following dress code regulations are promulgated pertaining to personal appearance and grooming.

3.3.1. Tops: Royal blue shirts with sleeves; non see-through; no writing, drawing, designs, or logos; not too low in front as to expose any part of the breast or too low in back as to expose shoulder blades; must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.

3.3.2. Bottoms: Long khaki pants or skirts that are knee length or below; worn at the waist; no ornamentation, writing, drawing, designs or logos; a belt will be worn at all times.

3.3.3. Footwear: Black, white, or brown shoes must be worn at all times; only white, black or brown shoe laces, laces must be tied at all times.

3.3.4. Hair should not obstruct vision and should not be of extreme color. Picks, combs, rollers, banana clips, etc. are not allowed. No designs may be cut in hair or eyebrows slashed.

3.3.5. No sunglasses, gloves, hats or caps, or jewelry of any kind will be allowed.

EXHIBITS

None

REFERENCES

None

FORMS

None