

# AGENDA

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**SUBJECT:** Consider approval amending the student dress code.

**RATIONALE:**

We have been discussing potential amendments to the student dress code. Mr. Loomis is compiling the results of the survey to include the responses from parents/guardians and the community.

A small percentage of our students have experienced school discipline for dress code related issues. Overall, the two areas of concern are:

- Length of shorts/skirts, etc.
- Being clean-shaven.

Under Appropriate Attire in the Student Handbook it states:

- \*Students are allowed to wear shorts so long as the length of the shorts is no more than the width of the student's palm above the knee

Prior to and sense my arrival in Graham I have heard many times about the positive image our student present in our community and when they visit other districts for competitions, etc. I believe our current dress code has a significant impact on this.

With that said, I do believe we could amend the manner in which we measure the length of shorts/skirts, etc. to:

- No more that the length of the student's hand above the knee.

I do not believe that we should amend the Appropriate Grooming portion of the dress code.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend the board approve amending the dress code to state:

- Students are allowed to wear shorts so long as the length of the shorts is no more than the length of the student's hand above the knee. Other garments such at tights and legging may be worn provided they are worn under garments that meet the dress code.

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