Section: **STUDENTS**

Policy Title: **Student Dress**

Preserving a beneficial learning environment and assuring the safety and well-being of all students are primary concerns of the board of directors.

Students' choices in matters of dress should be made in consultation with their parents. Student dress shall only be regulated when, in the judgment of school administrators, there is a reasonable expectation that:

A. A health or safety hazard shall be presented by the student's dress or appearance including possible membership in a gang or hate groups;

B. Damage to school property shall result from the student's dress; or

C. A material and substantial disruption of the educational process will result from the students' dress or appearance.

For the purpose of this policy, a material and substantial disruption of the educational process may be found to exist when a student's conduct is inconsistent with any part of the educational mission of the school district. Prohibited conduct includes the use of lewd, sexual, drug, tobacco or alcohol-related messages, gang-related apparel.

The uniforms of nationally recognized youth organizations, and clothing worn in observance of a student's religion, may be worn subject to A-C above.

The superintendent shall establish procedures providing guidance to students, parents, and staff regarding appropriate student dress in school or while engaging in extra-curricular activities. Such procedures shall ensure that any student wearing, carrying, or displaying gang-related apparel, or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student shall be asked, with notice to his or her parents, to make appropriate corrections and be subject to discipline if the corrections are not undertaken.

Cross References:	Board Policy 3220	Freedom of Expression
Legal References:	RCW	28A.320.140 Schools with Special standards
	WAC 180-40-215	Student Rights
	180-40-225	School district rules defining misconduct

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