Information Sheet – 10/19/2021 - Board of Trustees Meeting

TO: Board of Trustees Item: 8.3

FR: Celli Coeville

DATE: October 7, 2021

RE: Revised Administrative Regulation, AR 5132, Dress and Grooming, Consider for Adoption

Administrative Regulation 5132, Dress and Grooming, has been updated with minor changes.

I've highlighted the proposed changes and indicated the differences in red font.

Recommended Action: Approve Revised AR 5132, Dress and Grooming, as presented

DRESS AND GROOMING

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with district policy and regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

The following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

Jefferson School District
DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Jefferson District is noted for the outstanding appearance of its students. Wearing extreme fashions is not conducive to a quality educational atmosphere and has no place in Jefferson School District. In keeping with this philosophy of good style and taste, the following rules apply to all regular school activities:

1. Clothing should be in good repair and reflect modest taste.
2. Students are to come to school dressed for learning and for playing.
    a. Shirts are not permitted to be low-cut, strapless, off the shoulder, halter top or backless. Shirts without sleeves must have a strap that is equal to or greater than four of the student's fingers. All shirts must be long enough (without having to be pulled into place) so that they could be tucked in (and would realistically remain tucked in) if necessary. This rule applies regardless of changing weather throughout the warmer months.
    b. All pants, shorts, skirts and dresses need to be an appropriate length and size so as not to expose a student's posterior or undergarments. Pants, shorts, skirts and dresses shall not be ~~tight fitting or~~ shorter than a student's extended fingertips. Pajama pants are not allowed except on designated spirit days. ~~Leggings and yoga pants are allowed with an over garment that is fingertip length.~~ Pants must fit at the waist and should not be more than one size too large, sagging is not permitted. Pants, shorts and skirts shall be free of holes above the extended fingertips.
    c. Students need to wear shoes that will allow them to run and play. All footwear must have straps or enclosed backs. Flip flops and slippers are not allowed.
    d. Students are not permitted to wear baseball caps, hats, knit caps, visors, and hoods in class, assemblies, or in any indoor school function. Outdoors, hats must be worn forward facing.
3. All clothing, jewelry, backpacks, and other personal items shall be free of writing, pictures and/or other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, sexually suggestive, gang related, or depict nudity or weapons. In addition, clothing or personal items shall not exhibit drug, alcohol or tobacco references, or advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
4. Any clothing or accessory that may be deemed dangerous, i.e. wallets with chains, steel-toed boots, items with spikes or studs, and belts worn long are unacceptable.
5. Any clothing which may be disruptive to the school environment or deemed offensive by school personnel is prohibited.

DRESS AND GROOMING (continued)

Students who are considered to be in violation of the Jefferson School District Dress Code shall be referred to the principal or the designee.

a. First offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes.

b. Second offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The student shall be assigned detention as determined appropriate by the principal or the designee.

c. Third and subsequent offenses ~~offense~~: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The principal or the designee shall assign the student ten hours of community service to be performed within thirty calendar days.

~~d. Fourth and subsequent offenses: The student shall be suspended for a period of 1-5 days as determined by the principal or the designee.~~

In order to discourage the influence of gangs and gang related apparel, Unauthorized Group Apparel is prohibited and the following rules shall apply:

1. Jewelry, accessory, notebook or manner of grooming (including haircuts) which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute denotes membership in an unauthorized group or group is prohibited.
2. Clothing or articles of clothing (including but not limited to gloves, bandanas, shoestrings, wristbands, hats, lanyards, belts, jewelry) related to unauthorized groups that may provoke others to acts of violence are prohibited.
3. Belt buckles with initials or red, blue, or brown web belts, belts hanging out of pants are prohibited.
4. Gloves, towels, suspenders or other items hanging from rear pants pockets or from belt are prohibited. Students may not wear one pant leg rolled up.
5. Excessive clothing items (2 or more) of predominately one color that symbolize unauthorized group apparel are prohibited.

Because symbols are constantly changing, definitions of unauthorized group apparel may be reviewed and updated whenever related information is received by administrators and/or school safety committee. If a student is determined to have violated the dress code by wearing unauthorized group colors, he/she will be banned from wearing specific colors or any unauthorized group related apparel.

DRESS AND GROOMING (continued)

The following consequences will be implemented for a violation of any one of the above:

a. First Offense: Parent/guardian contact. Student sent home to change clothes or provided with alternative clothing, Confiscation of unauthorized group-related jewelry accessory, notebook etc. Possible 1-5 day suspension.
b. Second Offense: Parent/guardian conference and 1-5 day suspension.
c. Third Offense: Parent/guardian contact. Minimum of five (5) day suspension Report to law enforcement agency.
d. Fourth and subsequent offenses: Parent/guardian contact. Minimum of five (5) day suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Report to law enforcement agency.

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

The principal, staff, students, and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

Students who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization shall be allowed to wear organization uniforms on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35183)