Policy

**STUDENT DRESS**

*Code* **JICA** *Issued* **DRAFT/19**

# The board believes that a student dress policy is an essential aspect of creating a school environment that is safe, conducive to learning, and free from unnecessary disruption. During the

# school day, while riding in school district vehicles, and at all school-related activities or functions, students will be expected to adhere to a standard of dress and appearance that is appropriate. Principals and their designees have the final authority to decide what is appropriate attire for students in school or participating in school related activities.

# A principal or her/his designee may authorize exceptions from the school dress code for specially designated days or for school-sponsored activities (e.g. pep rallies, prom, spirit days, etc.). Parents/Legal guardians of students requiring accommodation for religious beliefs, medical needs, or other good cause should contact their student’s principal.

# To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, staff will enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not take into consideration race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, disability, national origin, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size.

# [*Optional if district requires school uniforms]*

# *Uniforms*

*In order to enhance discipline, reduce violence, encourage attendance, and reduce truancy, \*\*\*\*\* allows district schools to have a student uniform program.*

*Schools that decide to participate in the school uniform program will follow the guidelines set out in administrative rule JICA-R.*

*The school will not deny a student attendance at school or penalize a student for failure to wear a uniform for reason of financial hardship. Each school will have a plan for any parent/legal guardian who cannot afford uniforms.*

*The school will not consider a student non-compliant when the student wears the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior ROTC, etc. on a regular school day.*

*The district will evaluate the school uniform program with input from each participating school at the end of the \*\*\*\*\* school year.*

*Any parent/legal guardian may exempt his/her child from the uniform policy by observing the procedures set out in administrative rule JICA-R.*

**New and Transfer Students**

Students entering the district for the first time during the school year will be granted a grace period of up to five (5) days before being required to comply with the dress code unless such noncompliance causes substantial disruption to the learning environment or otherwise impacts student safety.

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