

STUDENT DRESS

Preserving a beneficial learning environment and assuring the safety and well-being of all students referred by member districts for NWESD 189 cooperative program placement are primary concerns of the Board.

Students' choices in matters of dress should be made in consultation with their parents/guardians.

Student dress shall only be regulated when, in the judgment of school administrators, there is a reasonable expectation that:

- 1) a health or safety hazard shall be presented by the student's dress or appearance;
- 2) damage to program property shall result from the student's dress;
- 3) a material and substantial disruption* of the educational process will result from the students' dress or appearance; and

* 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 program. Prohibited conduct includes the use of obscene, sexual, tobacco, drug or alcohol-related messages.

- 4) Would reasonably be considered offensive to other students, staff, or visitors.

The uniforms of nationally recognized youth organizations, and clothing worn in observance of a student's religion are not subject to this policy.

The Special Program Director shall establish procedures providing guidance to students, parents and staff regarding appropriate student dress in cooperative programs. 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/her parents/guardians, to make appropriate corrections and be subject to discipline if the corrections are not undertaken.

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