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The principal or designee of each school building will establish student dress and grooming standards specific to the building. School dress and grooming standards will be gender-neutral and will not restrict a student's clothing choices on the basis of gender. Such dress and grooming standards will be published in the student handbook, posted on the school website, and will be made available on request.

As to school and school related activities (including extracurricular activities), students and their parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming, provided that the student's dress and grooming complies with the building dress and grooming standards and does not:

- A. Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming: (i) will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives or (ii) will result in damage to school property;
- B. Create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others;
- C. Create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence; or
- D. Imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, gestures, design or emblem upon any school or personal property or one's person.

Student Dress Violations

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal or designee will request that the student make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the principal or designee will notify the parent, if reasonably possible, and request that the parent make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent refuse, the principal or designee will take appropriate disciplinary action. Students may be suspended, if circumstances so warrant. Students who violate provisions of the dress code relating to extracurricular activities may be removed or excluded from the extracurricular activity for such period as the principal or designee may determine. All students will be accorded due process safeguards before any corrective action may be taken.

Students identified as being gang involved, influenced, or affiliated will be provided assistance and/or programs which discourage gang involvement or affiliation, enhance self-esteem, encourage interest and participation in school or other positive activities and promote membership in authorized school organizations.

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