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One of the fundamental purposes of school is to provide the foundation for the creation and development of a proper attitude toward education. In order to further this purpose, it is essential to create and maintain an effective teaching and learning environment. Student attire impacts the teaching and learning environment. It can either promote a more effective educational environment, or it can disrupt the educational climate and process. Student attire that is acceptable for some social settings may not be acceptable for the educational environment of school.

Students are reminded that their appearance, clothing, and grooming, significantly affect the way others respond to them. It is the duty of the Caldwell School District Board of Trustees to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning; minimizing disruptions or distractions; and to protect the health, safety, and morals of students, therefore all students will adhere to the following certain minimum standards of dress when the student is on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location.

The Board of Trustees may require specific uniforms to be worn by all students in designated schools or in specific programs. The Board of Trustees urges parents and students to exercise sound judgment, based upon the standard of appropriateness for the school setting. The Superintendent/Designee is hereby authorized to promulgate regulations consistent with the provisions of this policy.

SECTION 1. EXPECTATIONS

Caldwell School District strives to maintain an education environment that is well functioning and free from unnecessary distractions and annoyances. As part of that effort, the District requires students to maintain a neat and clean appearance that is appropriate for the school setting and for the tasks being performed and to encourage the professional dress that will be expected in the workplace as adults.

1.1 Students will be given the opportunity to make respectful choices with regard to collars, sleeves, patterns, designs, and logos on upper and lower body clothing as well as outerwear, within the Board of Trustees' expectations.

1.2 The following expectations will be enforced when the student is on school premises or any school sponsored event, regardless of location.

1.2.1 Students are not to wear or carry items of apparel, clothing, accessories, cosmetics, tattoos – temporary and/or permanent, body markings, jewelry – including body piercings, which depict or allude to, by picture, symbol, or word:

- drugs – including alcohol and tobacco;
- controlled substances;
- drug paraphernalia;
- gangs;
- violence;
- sexually explicit, lewd, indecent content;
- promoting or encouraging bullying;
- denigrating to an individual's race, ethnicity, gender, and/or religious affiliation;
- illegal acts;
- identified as derogatory, offensive, oppressive in nature, or abusive.

1.2.2 The wearing, using, carrying, or displaying any other gang clothing or attire, or style, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, codes, tattoos, or other things or items which evidence membership or affiliation in any gang is prohibited on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity at any time.

1.2.3 The wearing, using, carrying or display of any professional sport league including the NFL, NBA, MLB, MLS, and NHL, or other professional sport league clothing or attire, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, codes, tattoos, or other things or items is prohibited on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity at any time.

1.2.4 Head coverings are inappropriate in the school building during regular school hours, unless specifically authorized by the building administrator/designee.

1.2.5 Clothing for the upper body shall have a modest neckline, cover the chest, midriff, and back, with no undergarments showing.

Upper Body Clothing Expectations:

- All items must fit properly.
- School spirit shirts or college/university clothing are permitted.
- Muscle shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, or strapless tops are not permitted.

1.2.6 Clothing for the lower body shall not reveal buttocks or undergarments, or have rips or tears above the knee.

Lower Body Clothing Expectations:

- All items must fit properly.
- Includes: jeans, pants, capris, skirts, shorts, skorts, and culottes.
- Leggings or yoga style workout attire may not be worn as pants.
- All items shall not be shorter than three (3) inches above the knees.

(The student ID card can be used to measure this length.)

1.2.7 Outerwear - Sweatshirts and sweaters are permitted indoors.
Administrator discretion reserved in all questions or concerns regarding outerwear.

1.2.8 Students are required to wear shoes or other appropriate footwear in school buildings at all times, unless authorized by the building administrator/designee.

SECTION 2. INTERPRETATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

2.1 The building administrator/designee shall use reasonable discretion in interpreting and implementing the provisions of this policy. The building administrator/designee may identify additional dress code requirements to address specific needs within a building or for a specific activity. Principals, administrators, and teachers shall use reasonable discretion in enforcing this policy. If a conflict arises in the interpretation of this policy, the interpretation of the building administrator/designee shall be final.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT

3.1 Administrators may provide consequences at their discretion for dress code violations and parents will be notified. Students who are insubordinate or refuse to change the improper attire, or who repeat dress code violations shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion, depending on all the facts and circumstances, for violating the standards of student conduct.

SECTION 4. TEMPORARY EXCEPTIONS

4.1 In order to allow appropriate attire for a particular educational or school activity, the building administrator/designee has the authority to grant temporary exceptions to specific provisions of this policy and related regulations.

SECTION 5. DEFINITIONS

5.1 “Controlled substance” includes, but is not limited to, opiates; opium derivatives; hallucinogenic substances, including cocaine, and cannabis and synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant; any material, compound, mixture, or preparation with substances having a depressant or stimulant effect on the central nervous system.

5.2 “Drug” includes any alcohol or malt beverage, any inhalant, any tobacco product, electronic cigarette (e-cig or e-cigarette), personal vaporizer (PV), any controlled substance as defined above, any illegal substance, any look-alike or counterfeit drug, any medication not approved and registered by the school authorities, and/or any substance which is intended to alter mood.

5.3 “Drug paraphernalia” includes all equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designated for use, in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance as defined in this policy.

5.4 “On school premises or at any school-sponsored activity, regardless of location” includes, but is not limited to, buildings and grounds on the school campus, school buses, school parking areas, and the location of any school-sponsored activity.

SECTION 6. ACCOMMODATIONS

6.1 The District will seek to accommodate cultural, religious, and ethnic differences in dress and grooming, provided such dress or grooming does not materially or substantially disrupt the educational process of the school or create a health or safety hazard for students, staff, or others. No student shall be required to modify their natural head or facial hair, such as by shaving or straightening through the application of heat or chemicals.

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I.C. 33-512(6) Governance of Schools

I.C. 33-506 Organization and Government of Board of Trustees