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EAST STROUDSBURG AREA
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ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION

221-AR: PUPILS - DRESS AND GROOMING

The purpose of this Administrative Regulation is to provide guidance to help ensure consistent application of the Guidelines set forth in Policy 221, by providing answers to frequently asked questions.

Q: *What colors or patterns may students wear?*

A: There are no restrictions on colors or patterns, as long as they do not create disorder or disrupt the educational program.

Q: *Do dresses worn by students need to have collars?*

A: No. However, dresses must have sleeves and meet the length requirement for bottoms and the neckline requirement for tops.

Q: *Can students wear tank dresses?*

A: Yes. Tank style dresses may be worn as long as a shirt or blouse with sleeves is worn underneath, and the dress meets the length requirement for bottoms and the neckline requirement for tops.

Q: *Can a student opt-out of, or otherwise refuse to comply with this Policy?*

A: No. Any student who refuses to adhere to the Policy shall be subject to the progressive discipline consequences set forth in the Code of Student Conduct. The dress code is a duly adopted Policy of the school district and fully authorized by Commonwealth law and regulation.

Q: *What if I cannot afford to purchase compliant clothing for my student(s)?*

A: In addition to local retailer stores that offer new school clothing at discount prices, local faith-based organizations, thrift stores and community outreach programs have compliant clothing available at little or no cost.

Q: *Can students wear sweaters and/or sweatshirts?*

A: Yes. However, sweaters and/or sweatshirts must be worn together with a collared blouse, collared shirt, turtleneck/mock turtleneck or dress.

Q: *Can students wear clothing with hoods?*

A: Yes. However, hoods are headwear and shall not be worn on the head in any school building.

Q: *Are there any restrictions on logos or slogans?*

A: No. However, student clothing may not display any form of *unprotected student expression*, as set forth in the Code of Student Conduct.

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Q: *Can students wear sweatpants, jogging pants, and/or lounge pants?*

A: Students can only wear sweatpants, jogging pants, and/or lounge pants for the reasons set forth in the Exceptions/Exclusions section of the Policy.

Q: *What type of official school district licensed, approved student activity/organization, college/university, and/or United States Military apparel may students wear?*

A: The intent of this exception/exclusion is to permit students to visibly wear sleeved tops without collars and/or bottoms other than those listed, which otherwise meet the length requirement for bottoms and the neckline requirement for tops set forth in our Policy in order to promote the organization/activity.

Q: *Can students wear cargo pants/shorts?*

A: Yes. Pants/shorts with pockets on the legs may be worn, however, they must be chino, non-denim and meet the length requirement for bottoms.

Q: *Can students wear corduroy pants?*

A: Yes. Corduroy pants may be worn.

Q: *Are there exceptions for elementary students on gym class days?*

A: Yes. Elementary students may wear clothing required for participation in physical education classes, as set forth in the Code of Student Conduct, throughout the day, since they do not change clothes for class.

Q: *Can students wear chino bottoms that have elastic waistbands for comfort?*

A: Yes. Bottoms may have elastic waistbands and do not need to have zippers, however they must still be chino, non-denim and meet the length requirement for bottoms.

Q: *Is all headwear prohibited?*

A: No. Students may wear hair accessories, but not *head coverings*. Thus, the term “headbands” as used in this Policy refers to sweatbands worn around the head, and not hair accessories.

Q: *Can students wear jeggings?*

A: Yes.