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| <b>Section:</b> | <b>Students and Instruction</b> |
| <b>Title:</b>   | <b>Student Clothing Policy</b>  |

## **Purpose**

To provide student clothing guidelines to support a safe and inclusive learning environment.

This policy applies to all schools within the Mission Public School District with the exception of Hillside Traditional Academy.

## **Policy**

The school District supports individual choice in clothing for students, emphasizing safety and respect.

Student clothing guidelines for individual schools must be gender neutral, and stress:

1. A students' right to individual choice, safety, and respect - for self and others.
2. That clothing worn must be safe and suitable for students to participate in activities such as physical health education, science experiments, fine arts, and/or applied skills as necessary.
3. That hats, headwear, and clothing worn should demonstrate a respect for the school community and meet standards of suitability that are typical of a K-12 Educational Facility.
4. That students must not wear clothing:
  - 4.1. That compromises a safe and inclusive learning environment;  
Examples include: language or images that are threatening
  - 4.2. That promotes the use of tobacco, marijuana, illegal drugs, or alcohol;
  - 4.3. That advocates illegal activity;
  - 4.4. That encourages sexism, racism, homophobia, or bigotry.
  - 4.5. That includes insignias, symbols or adornments that denigrate or promote hatred of a person or persons, including, but not limited to, clothing that denigrates or promotes hate based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and / or expression, or age;
  - 4.6. That bears direct or indirect messages or graphics referring to gang culture, sex, pornography, obscene images, weapons, or violence.
5. Other than for religious purposes, health and safety requirements, or where required to accommodate a disability, students must not wear clothing which obscures their face.

