DESCRIPTOR TERM:	Millard District Policy File Code: 6410
Students	Approved: 05-16-19

## STUDENT DRESS

- 1. The Board recognizes that student dress and grooming may impact the education of students. Experience and research have demonstrated that the learning atmosphere is improved when students dress and groom in a way that is not distracting. Appropriate student dress and grooming promotes an effective learning environment free of unnecessary disruption. In addition, appropriate student dress and grooming helps increase school and student safety and security. The Board emphasizes the importance of cooperation among schools, parents/guardians, and students to ensure appropriate dress and grooming, and further recognizes that parents/guardians are primarily responsible for their students' dress and grooming. The Board delegates to the school administration the responsibility to see that each student adheres to the dress and grooming standards set forth in this policy.
- 2. The Board recognizes and emphasizes the importance of school, parent, and student collaboration in encouraging students to attend school dressed in a neat, clean, safe, and modest manner. Adherence to these dress and grooming standards will be the responsibility of the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). School administrators are responsible for implementation and enforcement of this policy. The legal concept of "reasonableness" shall be the guiding principle. School administrators may approve exceptions to this policy for special school activities or events.

## THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS:

- 1. Student clothing, accessories, and appearance, shall be clean and modest, and shall not disrupt class work, cause disorder, or infringe on the rights of others.
- 2. In all areas of the school, students must dress safely and in good taste.
- 3. Hats and other head coverings may not be worn by students inside elementary or middle schools except as part of an approved school activity or event, for medical reasons, or as an exercise of a sincerely held religious belief. Students in high schools may wear hats and other head coverings in common areas. Hats in high schools will only be allowed in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher. Hats will not be allowed during the presentation of colors, or in other places or special events where hats may be inappropriate. Hats and head coverings may not be

worn in any schools if doing so disrupts the educational environment, poses a danger to self or others, or limits the ability of others to identify the student.

- 4. Shoes must be worn. Bare feet are prohibited.
- 5. No tank tops. Blouses and/or shirts must have sleeves of some type.
- 6. Shorts and mini-skirts may be worn to school. However, inappropriately short, tight, revealing shorts, skirts or dresses will not be allowed. The guideline is: Shorts and dresses must be the length of one's fingertips when the arm is at his/her side.
- 7. Shoes or other articles of clothing that would damage school property must not be worn.
- 8. See-through clothing without undergarments, or the obvious display of undergarments will not be allowed.
- 9. Clothing exposing any part of the torso: midriffs, halters, or similar wear, will not be allowed.
- 10. Clothing that is distracting, offensive, vulgar, or in poor taste is prohibited.
- 11. Clothing that is torn, ripped, or frayed is restricted, following the same guidelines as those for shorts and dresses. Frayed or ripped areas must be below the length of one's fingertips when the arm is at his/her side.
- 12. Clean shaven or a well-trimmed mustache and/or beard are permissible.
- 13. Clothing advertising any illegal behavior for students is prohibited. (i.e. alcohol, tobacco/electronic cigarettes, drugs, sexual innuendoes, etc.)
- 14. No gang type clothing will be worn to school. (See Safe School Policy, File Code: 6010) Any clothing with symbols of violence will not be allowed, i.e. trench coats, etc.
- 15. In connection with specialized school-sponsored activities, school officials may permit or require students to wear certain types of clothing, such as uniforms worn at athletic events, cheerleading outfits, protective gear in vocational applied technology classes, etc.

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## **CONSEQUENCES FOR POLICY VIOLATIONS:**

The success of any policy is determined by the enforcement of the standards. All staff are to cooperate in administering the policy consistently and fairly. Guidelines are to be followed when violations of the dress code occur.

**First Offense-** Student conference with administration and attire altered.

Parents are to be notified.

**Second Offense-** 1-3 day suspension, attire altered, and parent conference.

**Third Offense-** The type of attire in question cannot be worn for the

remainder of the school year, and/or other disciplinary action as determined by the "Safe School Policy", Millard School

District, File Code: 6110

<sup>\*</sup>Extracurricular club or organizations may set additional guidelines for their activities.