

WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TITLE: STUDENT EXPRESSION

ADOPTED: September 17, 1987

REVISED: March 16, 1995

<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 12.9</p> <p>2. Authority</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">220. STUDENT EXPRESSION</p> <p>The Board respects the right of students to express themselves in word or symbol and to distribute materials as a part of that expression, but recognizes that the exercise of that right must be limited by the need to maintain an orderly school environment and protect the rights of all members of the school community.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to designate and prohibit manifestations of student expression which are not protected by the right of free expression because they violate the rights of others. Such expressions are those which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- libel a specific person(s);- seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect, or point of view;- advocate the use of or advertise the availability of any substance or material which may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and substantial danger to the health of students;- are obscene or contain material otherwise deemed harmful to impressionable students;- incite violence, advocate the use of force, or urge the violation of law or school regulations;- advertise goods or services for the benefit of profitmaking organizations;- solicit funds for nonschool organizations or institutions when such solicitations have not been approved by the Board. <p>The Board reserves the right to halt the distribution of unprotected materials.</p>
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.9 (g) (5) (i)</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Board shall require that distribution of printed materials take place only at the places and during the times set forth in the rules and regulations of this District in order that such distribution not interfere with the orderly operation of the schools.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop rules and regulations for the distribution of printed material which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- designation of the places at which and times during which material may be distributed;- requirement that students who distribute printed materials shall be responsible for clearing any litter that results from the activity;- disciplinary action for those students who distribute printed materials in contravention of this policy and the rules of the District or who continue the manifestation of unprotected expression after a person in authority orders that they desist.
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TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING	
<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 12.11 (a) (b) (d)</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools or the health, safety, or welfare of others.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1317.3</p>	<p>The Dress and Grooming policy shall apply on an "annual basis" only and may be reviewed annually by the Board to determine the degree of student support as reflected in Delegation of Responsibility (Items #11 and #12).</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>Students should be encouraged to take pride in their physical appearance. Students should take care to select clothing which is complimentary to them and appropriate to the weather and season. When students come to school inappropriately dressed, as determined by the administration, the faculty and administration will take steps to correct the situation. Such correction will include a change of the clothing found to be inappropriate. The following specific dress and grooming provisions will apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students are responsible for keeping themselves, their hair, and their clothing clean. 2. Length and style of hair, clothing, or jewelry will be regulated to eliminate any health or safety hazards, and to prevent any disruption of the educational process. Students with long hair may be required to wear restraining devices in certain situations such as technology education labs, science labs, home economics, physical education, and athletic contests. 3. Clothing displaying profanity, inappropriate pictures, gestures, or words, drug use, alcohol, tobacco products, weapons, or sexual innuendoes is not acceptable. 4. Clothing which is tight or revealing that tends to disrupt the educational process is not acceptable. No clothing may purposely expose undergarments.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Clothing or jewelry that creates, or may permit to create, danger or disruption to the school community is prohibited. Suggestive clothing is disruptive to the educational process and will not be permitted. Likewise, jewelry which may pose a danger to the student or others will not be permitted.6. It is against school policy for any individual to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, gender, age, disability, and national origin. Discriminatory harassment is also prohibited. Clothing which creates a hostile educational environment or evidences discriminatory bias or animus is prohibited.7. Males and females may wear hats or head coverings to and from school, but not while school is in session. Hair restraints may be worn during school to hold hair safely in place.8. Tops will not expose the mid-section of the body. Spaghetti straps, as well as completely bare shoulders, are not acceptable. Sleeveless clothing is permitted as long as undergarments are not shown and they comply with dress code provision #4. Also, tops of shirts must be cut modestly.9. Wearing of Shorts<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. Secondary<p>Shorts of mid-thigh length or longer may be worn during the school year with consideration given to temperature and weather conditions.</p>B. Elementary<p>Shorts of mid-thigh length or longer may be worn during the school year from March 20 through and including October 22, providing the weather is appropriate for such attire.</p>10. Females may wear skirts of mid-thigh length or longer.11. Students must wear safe footwear which will not mark or damage school property.12. Gloves or outerwear coats are not to be worn in the school unless permitted by the teacher due to the temperature in the classroom.
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Sec. 12.11

13. A list, giving specific examples of inappropriate clothing, will be provided and updated annually each summer by a committee comprised of staff and students representing middle and high school. The list will be published in each building's "Student Handbook" as an easily understood quick reference to those items deemed inappropriate as a result of this policy.
14. Student Councils at the secondary schools will aid in the acceptance and understanding of the policy by promoting self-policing among the student body.