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CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

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- being allowed to take a course in that area at the postsecondary level. These include core course in English, Math, Science and Social Studies. With prior written approval a higher-level math or science from the postsecondary institution may be used to meet a core requirement.
5. Courses at the postsecondary institution may not conflict with the student's regular high school schedule.
 6. Ten quarter/six semester credit hours at the postsecondary level shall equal one credit at the high school level. One half elective credit will be awarded for an approved five quarter hour or three semester hour college course.
 7. College courses taken through other programs or in summer(s) prior to high school graduation **do not** constitute dual enrollment and thus will not count toward high school credit.
 8. Courses taken at a postsecondary institution are not considered for class ranking or in the GPA calculation.
 9. Dual enrollment courses are to be treated as other school courses. Students cannot drop or withdraw from these courses once this process has stopped for regular courses.

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

I. Background

Over the past several years, many parents and community members have urged the Board to adopt a uniform policy as a means of countering the influence of gangs, mini-mizing disruption and improving the learning environment. In evaluating the adopting of uniform dress, the Board has observed that uniforms seems to enhance school safety, improve the learning environment, reduce ethnic and racial tensions, bridge social economic differences between children, promote good behavior, improve children's self-respect and self-esteem, and produce cost savings for participating families.

II. Statement of Policy

All elementary, middle and high schools in the Escambia County School System, shall implement, within the parameters set forth below, the mandatory uniform policy beginning with the 1999-2000 school year. The term "school" as used throughout this policy shall mean all elementary, middle and high schools in the Escambia County School System.

III. Commencement of Uniform Policy

The mandatory uniform policy shall go into effect on August 20, 1999, the first day of school for students.

All students will wear the designated school system attire. Slits, cuts, holes, shredded hems, slashes, etc. may not alter the clothing.

All students are required to be in school uniform before enrolling into an Escambia County School.

IV. Information Dissemination

- A. It is the responsibility of district and school support staffs to adequately communicate to parents information common to all school sites, including general guidelines for enforcement of the uniform policy.
- B. Each school shall communicate to parents information specific to the individual

school sites, including:

1. types and colors of uniforms;
2. requirements for jackets/outer garments;
3. optional articles of attire, if any;
4. compliance measures to be employed;
5. methods to facilitate recycling of uniforms within the school community;
6. notice of uniform sales and lists of competitive prices from vendors of uniform articles.

C. The means by which this information is communicated shall include one or more of the following:

1. system-wide newsletters;
2. school newsletters;
3. parent forums;
4. School and district websites;
5. PTO meetings and newsletters;
6. parent advisory meetings;
7. television, radio, and/or newspaper announcements;
8. posters displayed at school and in the community;
9. registration materials.

V. Compliance Measures

A. Disciplinary action will be taken to enforce compliance with policy. Students who do not comply with this policy will be denied admission until such time as they are in compliance.

Reasonable accommodations should be made for religious beliefs if such accommodation would not unduly interfere with the effective functioning of the schoolroom.

Compliance with this policy may be achieved consistently with requirements that apply to students with disabilities as long as discipline of such students is determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with IDEA and Section 504 guidelines or regulations.

A. Clarification Notes

PANTS/SKIRTS

1. **Khaki (tan)** uniform style pants with not more than four (4) pockets
2. **No** jersey, denim, corduroy, or jean material allowed
3. **No** clothing items tied at the waist, neck, or body
4. **No** cargo, painter, carpenter pants, hip huggers, or low riders (remember: uniform style pants with no more than four (4) pockets)
5. **No** bell bottom pants and no pants with splits. **NO** unhemmed pants
6. **No** white or light colored pants
7. **All pants** should fit properly with belt showing (no sagging shirts)
8. **No** logos on clothing
9. Reminder: Kilts are knee length and shorts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee
10. K-1 has an option. They may wear elastic pants or belt looped pants with belt

11. **Khaki (tan)** pants/skirts only
12. **K-4:** Khaki (tan) skorts - must be appropriate length
13. **Grades 5-12: Khaki (tan) Capri pants**

SHOES

14. **All** shoes should be closed toe and closed heel
15. **No** boots (cowboy, combat, and etc.) that go between the ankle and the knee
16. **Grades 5-12 have the option of wearing brown or black shoes, or predominately white tennis shoes**
17. Grades K-4 Tennis shoes should not have lights, bells, or other detractors.

SHIRTS/BLOUSES

18. Turtlenecks may be worn in school uniform colors **ONLY**
19. **NO HOOD on Sweatshirts**
20. If applicable, maternity tops (school colors) must be worn
21. Shirts must be tucked in anywhere on campus
22. Undershirts must be solid with no print
23. Long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts

MISCELLANEOUS

24. **NO** excessive jewelry to create distractions; including tongue rings, nose rings, eyebrow rings, lip studs, unusually large necklaces, etc.
25. **No** heavy chains, etc.
26. **K-4 - any color backpack: No rolling book bags**
27. **Grades 5-12 - Clear or Mesh backpacks only**

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