

### **Secret Societies/Gang Activities**

This rule is intended to foster an environment that is well kept and orderly. Ragged appearance is discouraged. Also, acceptable student dress does not allow the promotion of group affiliations (except established organizations approved by the school principal), the display/promotion of items or issues that are connected with illegal activities, or the display of inappropriate language or pictures. All clothing must be worn appropriately and in harmony with the school setting.

1. Ragged appearance: frayed, torn, unkept.
2. Promotion of group affiliation: colors, methods of wearing clothing (bandanas, jacket, chains, belts, hats, sunglasses, gloves, turned hats, sagging pants, etc.).
3. Promotion of illegal activities: pictures/slogans connected to or representing illegal items or activities (reference to substance use, gang activity, etc.).
4. Inappropriate language or pictures: issues of a sexual nature, ethnic slurs, display of private body parts, insinuations of unacceptable public attention to specific issues.
5. Appropriately worn: items of clothing worn in their intended manner (pants at the waist, hats with bills forward). Items appropriately sized (belts, pants, chains).
6. Inappropriate in the school setting: swimwear, underwear showing, ragged clothing, extremes in sizing.
7. Additional considerations: dress and grooming must not disrupt the teaching/learning process. In special activities, dress and grooming must not disrupt the performance or constitute a health or safety hazard. Dress and grooming in special activities must be appropriate to the need of activity and not defined by a sense of individual taste.

The dress and grooming policy is subject to continual Board review and may be revised during the school year.