

Middle and High School: Dress Code Student Feedback

Dress Code Dress code perspectives were split between girls and boys. Boys felt the dress code was fair for the most part and girls thought otherwise. Girls felt the dress code was unfair and discriminated against them. Some girls and boys asked to be able to wear their hoodies and wear hats. One of the arguments against wearing hoodies was that they made students unrecognizable. But the students argued that teachers already know the students who, in addition, wear name tags. The girls did not like the policies because they existed to protect the boys from being distracted. Some students believed that the dress code should be based on their own and their parents' discretion. Students also expressed lack of consistency of dress code enforcement. Students felt teachers apply the rules in regard to your body shape and size. They felt certain students get away with certain things and others do not. They do not think the shorts should be measured by where their fingers fall. But some students have short arms and others have long arms. So it's not an accurate way to measure. Some students argued that it is difficult to find shorts at stores in the length the school is asking for. The girls also complained about the two-three finger measurement strap rules. They do not think it is fair. They compared what some of the boys wear (basketball jerseys, for example) and said they should be able to wear the same size strap.

Superintendent's Note: Issues related to cultural sensitivity (or lack thereof) did not come up even though I specifically asked the facilitator to try to uncover those issues, if there were any.