## **Student Dress and Grooming**

All students are expected to be neat and clean and to be dressed in clothing appropriate for school. Dress or appearance disruptive to an orderly learning process will not be tolerated, and students who do not conform may be sent home after parents are contacted. RSD Dress Code Policy

The following articles are specifically forbidden:

- 1. Skirts, "cut-offs," basketball/tennis shorts, or dresses which which are hemmed at a point higher than mid-thigh. (Therefore, it is appropriate to have clothes hemmed at a point between mid-thigh and knee.)
- 2. Half-shirts, spaghetti strap tops (less than 1"), bare midriff, or halter tops, including fishnets and tank tops.
- 3. Net muscle shirts worn without another shirt underneath.
- 4. Clothing or jewelry that promotes the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
- Clothing with abusive or suggestive language or symbolism or clothing with obscene or profane language and/or pictures.
- 6. Chains, spikes, studs, or accessories that could be injurious to oneself or others.
- 7. Headwear, including but not limited to, hats, hoods, and hooded sweatshirts, cannot be worn to cover a student's head during the school day.
- 8. Footwear must be safe. Hazardous footwear, such as rolling footwear or flip flops, cannot be worn. Students should avoid wearing black-soled hiking boots since certain types to mark the floor surfaces.

## Infractions of the Dress Code

If a concern over a student's attire arises, the student will be sent to the nurse and given appropriate clothing. If we are unable to secure a change of clothing, parents will be contacted and asked to bring in appropriate clothing.

As per <u>Policy JICA</u>, "When the dress of an individual student constitutes a health problem, is unsuitable for school wear, is a danger to any person, or causes a substantial and material disruption or substantial disturbance, the principal shall take appropriate action to correct the situation."

While the dictates of fashion may pressure students to wear certain items of clothing, these items may in fact be disruptive in a school setting of present a safety concern. The administration will issue directives on appropriate apparel as the need arises. Families are encouraged to assist the school in monitoring the clothing which students wear to school. We must strive to maintain an appropriate educational environment that is neither offensive nor distracting. The enforcement of the above regulation is at the discretion/interpretation of the building principal.