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STUDENT DRESS

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 and safety of others.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop and enforce school regulations prohibiting student dress or grooming practices that:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or to others in the school.
- Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
- Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
- Prevent students from achieving their educational objectives.
- Represent membership in a gang.

Obscene language or symbols, or symbols of sex, drugs, or alcohol on clothing are expressly prohibited.

Mask Addendum

Students will be asked to wear a mask as determined by the current mask guidelines established by the New Mexico Public Health Order, the New Mexico Public Education's COVID-19 Response Toolkit, and Gadsden Independent School District.

Face masks must cover the mouth and nose and fit snugly against the sides of the face in order to contain respiratory droplets.

The types of allowable face masks include:

- Face masks made of two or more layers of cloth.
- Face masks with a clear plastic window.
- Surgical, procedural, N95 or KN95 face masks that are approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use by staff performing medical duties or similar close contact assignments.

The following face coverings are NOT substitutes for face masks:

- Masks that have exhalation valves or vents
- Bandanas
- Scarves
- Neck gaiters (also known as a neck fleece)
- Face shields

All face coverings/masks shall meet the requirements of the appropriate dress code policies and/or codes of conduct.

1. If a student refuses to wear a mask,
 - The student will be sent home
 - A school administrator will contact the parent/guardian to discuss mask requirements for in-person learning and give them the choice to either remain in-person with a mask or transfer to our virtual option.
 - If the student chooses to remain in-person, agrees to wear their mask and again refuses to wear their mask, the student will be automatically assigned to virtual learning
 - Placement will be reevaluated at the end of each grading period.
2. If a student forgets their mask, the student will be provided with a mask and reminded to bring their

mask in the future.

3. If a student is not wearing a mask or not wearing their mask properly, the student will be asked to put on a mask or reminded of the correct way to wear a mask and asked to wear their mask correctly.

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