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STUDENT APPEARANCE REGULATIONS

Students at Elba Public School are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for a school setting. Students should not dress in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of anyone, is offensive to others, or interferes with the learning environment. The following is a list of clothing types that are inappropriate. This list is not exhaustive, and the administration reserves the right to identify other forms of attire as inappropriate for the school setting.

- a. Clothing or jewelry that is gang related;
- b. Clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin or underwear (midriffs, spaghetti straps, sagging pants);
- c. Clothing or jewelry that advertises beer, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
- d. Clothing or jewelry that could be used as a weapon (chains, spiked apparel) or that would encourage "horse-play";
- e. Head wear including hats, caps, bandannas, and scarves;
- f. Clothing or jewelry which exhibits nudity, makes sexual references, or carries double meanings.

Consideration will be made for students who wear special clothing as required by religious beliefs, disability, or to convey a particularized message protected by law. The final decision regarding attire and grooming will be made by the Principal or Superintendent. In the event a student is uncertain as to whether a particular item or method of grooming is consistent with the school's guidelines, the student should contact the Principal for approval, and may also review such additional posting of prohibited items or grooming which may be available in the Principal's office.

Coaches, sponsors, or teachers may have additional requirements for students who are in special lab classes, students who are participants in performing groups or students who are representing the school as part of an extracurricular activity program.

On a first offense of the dress code, the student may change into appropriate alternative apparel if available. The student may be required to call home for proper apparel, if necessary. If clothes cannot be brought to school, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Student who leave campus to change clothes will have to make up missed time.

Continual violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary actions under the Student Code of Conduct above. Further, in the event the dress code violation is determined to also violate other student conduct rules (e.g. public indecency, insubordination, expression of profanity, and the like), a first offense of the dress code may result in other discipline up to, and including, expulsion.