

## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION STUDENT DRESS CODE

**Staff will make case-by-case judgments regarding appropriateness of attire.**

Alternative Education believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. Students have the right to make individual choices from a wide range of clothing and grooming styles, but they must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which interferes with the educational process.

Clothing and personal dress styles change frequently and any dress code which explicitly defines acceptable school wear quickly becomes outdated. Therefore, Alternative Education has utilized the following general guidelines to make case by case judgments regarding appropriateness of school attire.

**All clothing items prohibited by this dress code are considered to be contraband and are not to be brought to school.**

### GUIDELINES

**Disruptive Clothing and accessories:** Any clothing, hair style or adornments which cause reactions from other students causing the teacher to lose the attention of the students, to modify or cease instructional activities, or to deal with student confrontations or complaints is not allowed.

**Gang-related Apparel:** The presence of any apparel that denotes or advocates membership in a group or gang which advocates racial or ethnic disharmony, or violence or other disruptive behavior, is prohibited.

**Dangerous/Unsafe Apparel:** Attire that may be used as a weapon or that may be unsafe for the person wearing it is not allowed. Footwear with a back strap is required.

**Cleanliness/Condition:** All clothing should be clean and odor-free. No holes in clothing above the knee.

#### Items specifically not allowed:

- Inappropriate slogans or illustrations on any apparel item or accessory which promotes the use of or glorification of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex or violence.
- Tank tops, tights/spandex.
- See through apparel.
- Exposed undergarments.
- Hats or sunglasses in school buildings. They must be turned into the appropriate school staff.
- Flip flops, slippers, house shoes, moccasins.
- Sports attire.

### CONSEQUENCES OF DRESS AND GROOMING VIOLATIONS

**First Violation:** Verbal warning given.

**Second Violation:** Student will receive referral, home contact shall be made, and parent will be asked to address the violation.

**Further Violations:** Student may receive a Step, home contact will be made, and parent will be asked to address the violation.

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_