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Students and faculty clash over district dress code

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"The general atmosphere of a school must be conducive to learning. If a student's general appearance attracts undue attention to the extent that it becomes a disruptive factor in the school, a staff member will ask the student to make the necessary changes. In the event that the change does not take place in the time allowed, the administrator will prescribe the action to be taken. Dress in good taste. The body must be modestly covered from shoulder to mid-thigh. Clothing that promotes disruptive behavior, including but not limited to, drugs, alcohol, tobacco and/ or its products, violence, sex or hate groups is prohibited from campus and must be covered or removed. Clothing which intentionally promotes gang identification is prohibited from campus. Tops or shirts must have shoulder straps (one over each shoulder), sides,

and modestly cover the chest. Halter tops, tube tops, handkerchief/ bandana tops that have bare midriffs, open sides, bare backs are not to be worn. Net mesh shirts are prohibited. Pants are to be worn at the student's normal waist level. All chains and spiked paraphernalia must be left at home. Hats, hoods, and scarves are allowed to be worn during the school day in the commons and in the hallways (provided they do not create a disruption to the school environment). Teachers have the rights to determine if hats/hoods will or will not be allowed to be worn during class time as they deem appropriate. The office will provide means to correct clothing problems. Failure to comply with the means offered or the repeating of the same offense over time will be addressed as insubordination."