



<b>Policy Title &amp; Number</b>	504- Student Dress and Appearance Policy
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**A. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to enhance the education of students by establishing expectations of dress and grooming that are related to educational goals and community standards.

**B. Definitions**

**C. Policy Statement**

Students are expected to wear clothing that promotes an academic environment, as well as clothing that is respectful of self and others. The TrekNorth community will not discriminate nor judge students based upon their appearance, but insists that all students dress in a manner consistent with an academic program that values respect. The following is a list of clothing considered inappropriate for the learning program at TrekNorth:

- clothing with sexual innuendo
- clothing with messages or logos that promote or advertise drugs, alcohol, or violence
- clothing that exposes the body in a manner not consistent with an academic community
- clothing intentionally designed or intentionally sized to expose undergarments
- clothing that promotes or represents gang activity or gangs

It is not the intention of this policy to abridge the rights of students to express political, religious, philosophical, or similar opinions by wearing apparel on which such messages are stated. Such messages are acceptable as long as they are not lewd, vulgar, obscene, defamatory, profane or do not advocate violence or harassment against others.

### **GANG ATTIRE & PROMOTION**

TrekNorth believes that Gang activity is severely detrimental to a healthy community, and therefore has zero tolerance for any promotion of gang activity through dress or behavior. TrekNorth staff has been trained to identify gang attire and behavior. Any student who dresses and/or behaves in a manner consistent with gangs or gang attire will be asked to change clothes and/or behavior. Students who refuse to do so will be suspended. Students who routinely violate this policy will be recommended for expulsion. Students who seek to promote gang activity at the school will be subject to disciplinary action, and students who routinely violate this policy will be recommended for expulsion.

*This policy may be revised at any time without notice. All revisions supersede prior policy and are effective immediately upon approval by the Director.*

### **D. Associated Procedures or Other Information**

#### **PROCEDURES**

In some cases students may be asked to change their clothing, turn their clothing inside-out or cover-up with additional clothing, which TrekNorth can provide for the day if necessary. Students who refuse to cover or change their clothing will have their parents/guardians contacted and may be sent home. Students and parents are expected to respect the decisions made by staff regarding clothing.

### **E. Associated Forms**

Legal References:U. S. Const., amend. I Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503, 89 S.Ct. 733, 21 L.Ed.2d 731 (1969) B.W.A. v. Farmington R-7 Sch. Dist., 554 F.3d 734 (8th Cir. 2009) Lowry v. Watson Chapel Sch. Dist., 540 F.3d 752 (8th Cir. 2008) Stephenson v. Davenport Cmty. Sch. Dist., 110 F.3d 1303 (8th Cir. 1997) D.B. ex rel. Brogdon v. Lafon, 217 Fed.Appx. 518 (6th Cir. 2007) Hardwick v. Heyward, No. 4:06-cv-1042-TLW, 2012 WL761249 (D.S.C. Mar. 8, 2012) Madrid v. Anthony, 510 F.Supp.2d 425 (S.D. Tex. 2007) McIntire v. Bethel School, Indep. Sch. Dist. No. 3, 804 F.Supp. 1415 (W.D. Okla. 1992) Hicks v. Halifax County Bd. of Educ., 93 F.Supp.2d 649 (E.D. N.C. 1999) Olesen v. Bd. of Educ. of Sch. Dist. No. 228, 676 F.Supp. 820 (N.D. Ill. 1987)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence) MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)