

DRESS CODE – PROVIDING A DISTRACTION-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Last month, the VUSD School Board met in closed session to propose a new dress code that will be implemented at EDHS and all Visalia Unified schools. Below is a proposal of the draft.

Visalia Unified School District is striving to become an exemplary district. Our goal is to provide a safe learning environment that inspires our students with the passion, power, and skills to make positive life choices. In order to establish a safe and distraction-free environment, all students will abide by the dress code policies in the Student Handbook.

STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS

Directions: Read each statement. Rank all of the statements from #1 (being the most distracting or problematic issue) to #15 (being the least distracting or problematic issue). Your top five issues will be the issues that the school board will consider prohibiting in the new dress code.

- (A) ____ Clothing that bares the midriff or reveals undergarments are prohibited.
- (B) ____ Any footwear (sandals, Birkenstocks, flip-flops) that is determined to be a safety hazard is prohibited.
- (C) ____ Clothing that contains features identified as "gang-related," violent, satanic, or sadistic are prohibited.
- (D) ____ The nude look and revealing fashions without appropriate concealing undergarments are prohibited.
- (E) ____ Low-cut sundresses or shirts are prohibited.
- (F) ____ Dresses, shorts and skirts that are 3 inches above the knee are prohibited.
- (G) ____ Yoga pants or leggings are prohibited.
- (H) ____ Skin-tight pants or form-fitting pants are prohibited.
- (I) ____ Oversized baggy pants or shorts are prohibited.
- (J) ____ Clothing with slits, holes, or frayed areas are prohibited.
- (K) ____ Inappropriate hairstyles (mohawks, dreads, symbols on the scalp, unnatural hair colors) are prohibited.
- (L) ____ Beards, mustaches, and goatees are prohibited.
- (M) ____ Hats/caps/beanies of any kind or bandanas of any shape, size, or color are prohibited.
- (N) ____ Visible body piercings are prohibited.
- (O) ____ Visible tattoos are prohibited.

Answer the following questions (use the BACK of this paper if necessary).

- 1. Which issue did you choose as your most distracting (your #1 issue)? Why?**

- 2. Do school dress codes help keep students focused on academics? Explain.**

- 3. Would having all students wear school uniforms solve some of these problems? Explain.**