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DRESS CODE

In accordance with policy set forth by the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education (BP 5132), students shall not express themselves in ways that are “obscene, libelous, or slanderous.” In its desire to keep district schools and students free from the harmful influence of gangs, the Board also prohibits “the presence of any apparel; jewelry, accessory, notebook, or manner of grooming which by virtue of its color, trademark, arrangement, or any other attribute, denotes membership in any such group.” In addition, clothing that depicts violent images, promotes weapons or alcohol, or is sexually suggestive is not allowed. Students are not allowed to wear attire that displays illegal items including controlled substances or weapons. In addition, per our sexual harassment policy, students are not allowed to wear clothing with sexually explicit representations.

Please note that none of these dress code requirements or refinements in any way imply that anyone would ever be less than fully responsible for their own behavior; regardless of the dress of another. Students who violate any part of this dress code will be given an opportunity to change into their own clothing or into school-provided alternative clothing. Administration reserves the right to make final determination as to the appropriateness of dress. See discipline matrix for dress code violation consequences.