

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

Life School’s dress and grooming standards are designed to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and provide a dress standard that offers flexibility for the parent and student. Students must come to school cleanly and neatly groomed and wearing clothing that will not be a health or safety hazard to the student or others, and that will not distract from or interfere with the educational atmosphere of the school.

Sec. 2. GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Superintendent or designee shall establish dress and grooming standards for all students. Violations of dress and grooming standards shall be described in the Student Code of Conduct. Principals may, at their discretion, impose additional reasonable dress and grooming standards. Any student dress or grooming policy, including dress or grooming policy for an extracurricular activity, may not discriminate against a hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race. The term “protective hairstyle” includes braids, locks, and twists.

Sec. 3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Principals, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the Principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct.

Sec. 4. UNIFORMS

The Board has determined that requiring school uniforms will improve the learning environment at a Life School campus, and that students will wear school uniforms.

a) *Funding*

The rules adopted by the Board must designate a source of funding to be used to provide uniforms for educationally disadvantaged students.

b) *Exemptions*

A parent or guardian of a student assigned to a school where uniforms are required may choose for the student to be exempted from the uniform requirement. In order to exercise this option, the parent or guardian must provide a written statement that states a religious or philosophical objection to the uniform requirement that the Board determines is bona fide.