TO: SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FROM: DR. SUSAN GILSON

DATE: 8/1/18

RE: 2\textsuperscript{nd} READING PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Minor changes have been made to the dress code as presented at first reading. The KPRSD district dress code updated as recommended by legal counsel.

RECOMMENDED for 2\textsuperscript{nd} Reading:

The dress code has been updated to reflect the most recent fashion statements.

Decisions about appropriate student dress and attire is a partnership between the student, parent, and the school district. Common sense and good judgment should be exercised that will result in the wearing of clothing that contributes to a respectful academic environment and educational atmosphere. We encourage you to consult your parents if you are concerned about an item of clothing that you may be considering wearing to school. The school administration reserves the right to determine what is appropriate attire and may prohibit certain attire if it is distracting or disruptive to the school environment. As you are planning for your day, please keep in mind that clothing needs to cover one’s body and undergarments. Additionally, cleavage should be covered. Items that should not be worn inside the school building include clothing that displays obscene language or graphics that reference violence, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or sex. Head coverings cannot be worn unless they are for religious or medical reasons. Articles of outdoor clothing, backpacks, purses, messenger bags, or bags of any kind should not be carried unless nurse or administrator permission has been granted.

FIRST READING HANDBOOK PROPOSAL:
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Dress Code- NEW PROPOSAL
The responsibility for appropriate student dress and attire rests with the student and the parent/guardian. Common sense and good judgment should be exercised that will result in the wearing of clothing that contributes to a respectful academic environment and educational atmosphere. We encourage you to consult your parents if you are concerned about an item of clothing that you may be considering wearing to school. The school administration reserves the
right to determine what is and is not appropriate for the school environment. As you are planning for your day, please keep in mind that clothing needs to cover one’s body and undergarments. Additionally, cleavage should be covered. Items that should not be worn inside the school building include clothing that displays inappropriate language or graphics and head coverings unless they are for religious or medical reasons. Articles of outdoor clothing, backpacks, purses, messenger bags, or bags of any kind should not be carried unless nurse or administrator permission has been granted.

**DRESS CODE - DELETION**

Students are required to dress in good taste. The school atmosphere should be conducive to accomplishing the important goals of education. Attire or grooming that is disruptive to the educational environment will result in disciplinary action. The final decision regarding dress that interrupts the educational process rests with the school administration.

Guidelines to help parents and students make good decisions about what is appropriate to wear to school are as follows:

- **Jeans and pants** should be clean, worn with a belt at the waist if they are baggy. Jeans, pants, and shorts are to be worn in an appropriate and non-offensive manner. Leggings are not considered pants and should not be worn as such.
- **Tops** – spaghetti straps, halter tops, halter dresses, tube tops are not permitted.
- All tops should have sleeves that reach the edge of the shoulders or have capped sleeves.
- **Shorts and skirts** should be appropriate for the school environment even when one is seated.
- **Guideline**: Skirts must be no shorter than to measure five inches from the center of the knee to the hem. Shorts must be no shorter than to measure eight inches from the center of the knee to the hem.
- **Underclothing** should be covered at all times. Revealing necklines are not acceptable.
- **Bare-midriffs** are not acceptable. Tops and bottoms must meet.
- **Attire or accessories depicting references to alcohol, drugs, sex, tobacco products, or violence** are not to be worn.
- **Footwear** – any type of footwear determined to be destructive to the floors or hazardous are unacceptable. While flip-flops and athletic sandals are allowed, it is recognized that they are not the safest choice for walking throughout the halls or outside our building.
- **Head-coverings** of any kind including, but not limited to, scarves, bandannas, masks, athletic headbands, hats, caps or hoods are not to be worn in the building unless they are for religious or medical purposes.
- **Articles of outdoor clothing** are not to be worn in the building during school.
- **Chains** such as spikes, heavy rope bands, dog collars, or other potentially dangerous articles of any type are not to be worn in school.
- **Sleepwear/Pajamas/Pants with writing on the buttocks** are not appropriate for the school setting.