Dress Code

January 9, 2019

Governing law that guides policy

Board Policy

- Ed Code 35183
  - Provides School Districts (Trustees) with the authority to implement a dress code policy, school uniforms, and prohibit certain types of dress

- Board Policy 5132 - Dress and Grooming
    - last amended in 2003
  - Admin. Reg. 5132 - Dress and Grooming
    - Each site develops its own dress code based on the District Policy

Examining
Board Policy 5132

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- MVWSD last adopted a policy in 2003. Since then CSBA has recommended changes to the policy
- Advocacy has occurred over the past couple of years to have a dress code that does not discriminate against girls
- Concern was brought up by Trustee(s) and several parents at Dec. 12 meeting

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- ACLU states that any change in dress code policy requires a 6-month notification period

  - https://www.aclunc.org/our-work/know-your-rights/school-dress-codes-and-uniforms

- This requires adoption of the policy at the Jan. 23 Board meeting in order to implement a new code in August 2020
- If the policy is not approved on Jan. 23, the new code will not be implemented until 2021-22 school year

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- Reviewed local dress code policies that were modeled after a suggested policy created by the Oregon chapter of the National Organization for Women
- Proposed MVWSD dress code based on these resources and desire to make code more modern and inclusive
- Feedback from parents, students and staff collected and reviewed Dec. 18-Jan. 15.

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- Codifies Trustees beliefs regarding student dress
- Clearly defines that dress is the responsibility of the parent
- Identifies "minimum safe attire" for students

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Next Steps

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- Make any changes to the proposed code, based on feedback

- Board approval on Jan. 23

After approval

- Inform parents and students

- Update school handbooks

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