SUGAR VALLEY RURAL CHARTER SCHOOL

POLICY NUMBER: 221

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: **DRESS AND GROOMING**

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<u>PURPOSE</u>
Good grooming promotes pride and good behavior and is a very important part of the general education of young people. This education is a cooperative effort of the school, parents, and students. It is the intent of the student dress code to permit students to dress according to fashion, and at the same time restrict clothing/ accessories/grooming which threatens safety, promotes indecency or disrupts the operation of the schools' educational and extracurricular program.

The foundation of the dress code is to provide appropriate standards for student appearance and to assist in maintaining student behavior which is conducive to the learning environment. Failure to adhere to the dress code will lead to the removal of the student from school premises and contact with his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.

<u>AUTHORITY</u>
The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools or the health and safety of him/her and others.

The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school.

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.

<u>DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY</u>
The Board authorizes the CEO or designee to enforce school rules prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which:

1. Present a hazard to the health, safety, or decency of the student him/herself or to others in the school.
2. Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
4. Prevent the student from achieving his/her educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.
5. Contain offensive or indecent slogans or designs.
6. Promote or advertise the use of drugs including alcohol, gang paraphernalia, violence or discrimination.
7. Contain vulgar or obscene messages.
8. Contain articles which can cause physical damage such as cleated boots, shoes that scratch floors, dangling metal chains from pockets, and clothing with metal rivets which scratch furniture, as with particular jeans are unacceptable.
9. Contain provocative or obscene graphics.
10. Inappropriately expose body area, as with cropped tops that expose midriffs.

The administration shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming in his/her building.

Administration and staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate by example and precept, wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.

The CEO shall invite the participation of staff, parents and students in preparation of a dress code which may specify prescribed dress and grooming practices, but may not amplify the rationale for prohibition established by Board policy. The code is to be published in student handbooks.

The CEO shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.

Enforcement of Dress Code
Provisions of the dress code are applicable to the school day and to school-related activities. Exception or modification of a provision of the dress code may be authorized by the administration for a specific school-related activity on a single event basis. The administration is delegated the authority to determine the proper action(s) to be taken in issues related to the dress code.

REFERENCES
PA Code Title 22 Sec. 12.11
SC 1317.3