

WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Amendment to the Annual Notification Regarding DRESS AND UNIFORM POLICY

This document constitutes an amendment to the District's dress policy regarding gang-related apparel found on page 23 of the 2010 – 2011 Parent Student Handbook.

The Board of Education has determined that certain gangs (also known as criminal gangs or street gangs) are operating in and around schools within the West Contra Costa Unified School District. In light of this fact, the governing board has also determined that the wearing of gang-related clothing on school premises or during school-sponsored activities threatens the health and safety of the students and impairs the school environment accordingly. Students may not wear, possess, use, distribute, or display any clothing, color, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, colored bandana, or sash, which represents or evidences membership or affiliation with any gang or promotes gang-related activity. The following apparel, which has been deemed gang-related is prohibited: red, white or blue cloth belts; red or blue shoe laces; red professional sports teams' jerseys, jackets or hats; red college athletic teams' jerseys, jackets or hats; mostly shaved head with hair only at top or bottom; eyebrows notched indicating 13 or 14; clothing with the following gang names, symbols, or initials: Nortenos, Surenos, Da Bays Grimiest (DBGs), Project Trojans, South Side Gangsta Crips, Sons of Death Crip, LA Crip, Hot Boyz, One-Ways, Mainline, Bay Boyz, Vadio San Pablo, MOB, SWAG Team, Central, North Richmond, FAM or any reasonable derivations of those identified groups (i.e. derivations that use portions of those names or initials); hair nets, bandanas, doo-rags, or shower caps; t-shirts with creased sleeves, or creased down the center, and pants with split cuffs.

Because gang-related apparel changes frequently, the District and its school sites may change this list, and will provide notice by updating their websites and posting the change in the school site offices.