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Higher Ground Academy Student Dress Code Policy

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe and productive learning environment with limited distractions and contribute to an environment of respect for everyone in the building. All clothing is subject to the discretion of the Staff, Discipline Liaison, ISC Monitor or Administration.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Apparel that is a distraction to the learning environment (or a potential danger to themselves or others) is not permitted. Dress for school should be modest, respectful, clean and in good condition. It should also allow for safe movements in the hallways, stairwells and in all classes. Apparel that is a distraction to the learning environment includes but is not limited to:

- **All clothing** with messages, double meanings or innuendos about drugs, images of weapons, alcohol, tobacco, violence, sex, or gangs. No messages that target any groups or individuals in a demeaning manner are allowed.
- **Head coverings** (i.e. hats, skullcaps, bandanas, scarves) are not to be worn in class except for religious or medical needs, and should not be a distraction to the learning environment. Sweatshirt hoods are not allowed to be worn upon the head.
- **Pajamas** are not to be worn to school with the exception of designated pajama days.
- **Shirts** must provide coverage of the upper body, regardless of movement. Shirts must cover all undergarments at all times (including dress for physical education classes.) Sleeveless garments that cover the torso are allowed if straps cover undergarments.
- **Pants** must be worn in a manner that undergarments are not visible regardless of movement, including through holes or spots. Pants with exposed holes higher than fingertips must be repaired or covered.
- **Shorts** Must be at least fingertip length.
- **Skirts/Dresses** Must be no shorter than 4 inches above the kneecap (includes the height of a slit in clothing).
- **Shoes** are to be worn at all times.

If clothes are found to be inappropriate, students will be **REQUIRED** to modify clothing. Any student receiving multiple warnings may be subject to disciplinary action.