

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 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,

