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Good Morning Parents,

We are aware that there have been some concerns about the student dress code. **The current administration did not create a new dress code, we are only enforcing the policy that was previously in place.** I have included a copy of the policy for your reading. The policy was emailed to all students and parents in August 2022, with the current emails listed in Aspen.

Last school year we experienced a student cutting his foot on the escalators when his croc shoes fell off and because of this it is considered a safety hazard.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Principal Morales or A.P. Ellis. We look forward to this being a great school year.

Here is the policy as was written by the school community:

Attire

Clemente implements a dress code to ensure that students dress for success every day of the school year in a manner that promotes professional behavior and a positive attitude towards learning. This routine reinforces for the students the importance of dressing appropriately for the world of work and their future professional endeavors. Dress must not be suggestive, threatening, or intimidating. Personal grooming will not be allowed during class time. Hair, make-up, and other style adjustments should be done before school starts and in the restrooms during passing periods.

Dress for Success! Students CAN wear the following:

1. IDs: Students must enter the school with an ID or purchase a temporary ID at the front door for \$1. (A permanent ID replacement is \$5.)
2. Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for example dresses, leggings, or shorts) and shoes.
3. Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front and on the sides (under the arms).
4. Clothing must cover undergarments (waistbands and straps excluded).
5. Fabric covering breasts, genitals and buttocks must be opaque.
6. Hats and other headwear will not be allowed. (Hoodies are still excluded).

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7. Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
8. Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Students are PROHIBITED from wearing the following:

1. Tops: halter tops, crop tops that expose the breasts or mid-drift area, spaghetti straps, tank tops, calypso, camisoles/camis, muscle shirts, or tops that do not cover the chest, stomach, back, and undergarments. Tops cannot contain any inappropriate words, images and symbols, including: alcohol, drugs, guns/violence, inappropriate writings. Messages on tops cannot demean or offend social and community groups.
2. Pants: Pants that do not cover the buttocks.
3. Headgear: Cannot wear hoods **on head**. Cannot wear any form of facial mask that prevents student identification. Students cannot wear sunglasses.
4. Outside coats or jackets must be left in lockers throughout the school day.
5. **For safety: Students must wear shoes that cover the entire foot and provide ankle support. (No flip flops/sandals or any type of slide-in shoes that do not support the ankle).**

Dress Code Violations:

Responses to dress code violations are restorative. Students are given an opportunity to self-correct or get parental support when they are not following the dress code.

For students who repeatedly violate the dress code and/or refuse to comply with the dress code, the disciplinary team will apply the appropriate SCC and restorative consequence(s).

Educationally Yours,

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