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**TK STONE MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY
Elizabethtown Independent Schools**

POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION

DRESS CODE

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is not intended to be an exclusive list of permitted or prohibited items of dress. If a student's dress and appearance is, in the opinion of school authorities, inappropriate for our school environment, the student will be instructed to correct the problem. Following PBIS guidelines, dress code violations are generally considered to be minor violations and our primary goal is to keep students in class during valuable instructional time. Correction of the problem and **1st Offense: Warning and/or Parent Contact; 2nd Offense – Detention; 3rd Offense – Detention or Saturday School at administrator discretion.** Regardless of the offense, every effort is made to correct the violation before returning the student to class; students may need to contact a parent to correct the offense.

The following are the dress code guidelines for TK Stone Middle School:

Individual expression should not be disruptive to the educational process.
(Possible examples: clothing, piercings, hairstyle, hair color, tattoos, and temporary or permanent body art)

All clothing is to be free of holes, tears and fraying and no items may promote drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, violence, gangs, or vulgarity.

Hair should be a natural color. Hairstyles should be maintained by what the staff feels is clean and a non-disruptive style.

Earrings may be worn, but other facial or body piercings are not allowed.

TOPS: All students must wear shirts and tops with sleeves. Bare midriffs, sheer or see through clothing, bare backs, and off the shoulder tops as well as tank tops, jerseys and shirts with cutout sleeves are not allowed. Tops revealing cleavage or undergarments are not permitted. Tops over leggings must reach almost to the knee (dress-like.)

BOTTOMS: Shorts, skirts, and dresses are to be knee length or longer. Leggings or Jeggings (typically have pockets and or snap/button closure) may be worn to school **only** with a dress/skirt length top. Shorts and pants should be worn at the waistline (no sagging). Leggings or jeggings may not be worn in the same way as pants. Opaque tights are not permitted to be worn as leggings. Sweat pants, yoga pants, and joggers made from sweat pant type fabric, wind suits, athletic pants/shorts, or pajama attire may be worn only on special days designated by the school.

Hats may be worn during the school day only on special days designated by the school. This includes bandanas. Bandanas are not to be worn at all including as headbands.

All heavy coats worn to school must be placed in the student's locker at the beginning of the school day.

Wristlets may be worn in school, however purses, sports/ball bags, and backpacks are not allowed in the classroom and are to be placed in the student's locker at all times.

Gum is not permitted to be chewed at school.

If a staff member feels that a dress code issue is in violation of the policy or substantially disruptive to the educational process, the teacher will follow the procedures outlined under T.K. Stone's discipline policies. Our dress code is based upon *common sense* and *reason*. If you are in doubt concerning what may or may not be worn to school, ask your teacher, the counselor, or the principal, they will be glad to help.

Date adopted _____	Signature____Jennifer Burnham_____
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