**Student Dress Code/Student Uniforms**

Students are required to wear a burgundy or black CSMS approved shirt.

Approved shirts:

• Polo shirts and crewneck sweatshirts containing the Cold Springs logo can be purchased from Kate’s Logos at a minimal cost. Any family in need of financial assistance with the purchase of the school shirts should contact the office for information or to make arrangements.

• Non-logo’d polo shirts in the approved colors (burgundy or black) may be purchased at any retail location.

• Undershirts may be solid black, white, or gray. They can be either long or short sleeved. Students are required to wear solid black or khaki/tan-colored approved pants, denim, athletic pants, leggings/jeggings, shorts, capris, skorts, or skirts.

Approved pants, skirts, or shorts:

• Shorts and skirts must be at least mid-thigh length and there are to be no exposed undergarments.

• Tights may be worn under skirts. Solid black, no colored patterns.

• Leggings, to include yoga pants, are acceptable worn as pants. Solid black, no colored patterns.

• Pants/bottoms with rips, tears, mesh, fishnet or lace are acceptable but shall not reveal or expose a private/intimate part of the body nor cause a safety concern (e.g., a tripping hazard because the hem of the pant leg drags on the floor). The uniform may not be altered in any way. Students must be in uniform anytime they are inside the school building, riding a bus to and from school, or at an after-school activity. All other WCSD dress

code rules will apply. Per Administrative Regulation 5106, Student Uniforms: schools with a site-based student uniform policy, the dress code shall remain in effect but may be adjusted based on allowable clothing options. Students will have consequences for failing to wear the proper clothing.

**WCSD Dress Code**

The dress or grooming of all students must not present potential health or safety problems. Clothing should fit so that it does not create a health or safety issue. Specific prohibitions or limitations include, but are not limited to, the following. Exceptions shall be considered for religious or medical reasons; or

with the permission of the principal (i.e. a designated school spirit day).

A. Clothing shall not contain unprotected speech including, but not limited to: obscene, vulgar, or

profane language or illustrations; and, nothing that promotes an illegal activity, including underage drinking, illegal drug use (to include marijuana), domestic abuse, gang membership, battery, assault, or any other civil or criminal conduct which would violate state or federal law.

B. Clothing must cover the body from the chest/breasts to below the buttocks. This includes all private/intimate parts of the body, to include the midriff. Undergarments shall not be intentionally exposed (e.g., bras, boxer shorts).

• Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be an appropriate length, extending to the student’s mid-thigh.

• Pants/bottoms with rips, tears, or mesh are acceptable but shall not reveal or expose a private/intimate part of the body nor cause a safety concern (e.g., a tripping hazard because the hem of the pant leg drags on the floor).

• Nylons/panty hose/tights may be worn as an undergarment under clothing but not alone as pants/bottoms.

• Leggings, to include yoga pants, are acceptable worn as pants.

C. Allowable head coverings are those which are worn for medical or religious (e.g. hijab, yarmulke, turban) reasons. Head coverings which are neither religious nor medical in nature are not permitted to be worn inside a school building during school hours (e.g., sweatshirt hoods, ball caps, cowboy hats).

D. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building during school hours except for medical reasons, to include prescription transition lenses.

E. Proper footwear must be worn at all times and shall not pose a potential health or safety problem. Slippers and similar soft soled shoes are prohibited. For safety reasons, students are encouraged to wear shoes with a strap around the back of the foot.

F. Unless an exception has been provided by the school administrator (i.e. for spirit days, etc.), wearing pajamas, lounge wear, bath robes, or blankets is prohibited.

G. The District’s dress code does not extend to hair style or hair color.

H. Jewelry and accessories with extended spikes or studs or which are of sufficient weight or length as to risk injury to the wearer or another are prohibited.

I. Gang attire and accessories. In accordance with state law, items that have been identified as gangrelated are prohibited. WCSD school police, in conjunction with local law enforcement and other agencies, shall determine current prohibitions related to gang appearance, dress, accessories, and activities and shall inform school administrators as needed. Prohibited items may include but are not

limited to: altered insignias or graffiti; jewelry or belt buckles symbolizing any gangs; and Graffiti in or on personal belongings symbolizing any identified gang activity.

J. Students are permitted to wear coats, jackets, zippered sweatshirts, and other outerwear. Nothing in this administrative regulation shall be construed to restrict or ban a student’s wearing of religious clothing and/or accessories, with the exception of unprotected speech (see below). a. Parents

having religious-based concerns regarding the dress code, or the site-based uniform policy are encouraged to discuss them with the principal. Any appeals of the principal’s decision shall follow the district’s public complaint process.

As used in this regulation, the term unprotected speech may include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following: obscenity, fighting words, defamation (includes libel, slander), child pornography, perjury, blackmail, incitement to imminent lawless action, true threats, solicitations to commit crimes, and

speech which is vulgar or profane. Unprotected speech may also include any article of apparel, or publication that displays obscene words, pictures, or designs; speech which has a message that is pro alcohol, tobacco and/or controlled or illegal substances; publications, clothing, or items that symbolize gang-related behavior; speech that does not comply with the district’s policies and regulations, interferes with the educational process and/or poses a threat to the safety of students or other individuals. A student who is found to be in violation of the school dress code may face consequences based on the

District Behavior Matrix. Potential consequences include, but are not limited to:

• First offense – A parent/guardian shall be notified; and the student must change clothing.

• Second offense – A parent/guardian shall be notified; and the student must change clothing and

will receive a loss of privilege.

• Third offense – A parent/guardian shall be notified; and the student must change clothing, will

receive a loss of privilege, and may receive focused detention/school beautification.