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Middle School Parents,

Re: Hoodies

Due to safety reasons and distractions from education, hoodies will no longer be allowed to be worn in the classroom. Students can still wear them to school, but once in the classroom shall remove them.

The safety reason is we have a number of middle school students vaping during the day. In the last two weeks we have confiscated four vape pens. Students hide the vape pens in their hoodies and use the hood to hide the fact they are using the vape. With the vape being odorless, this makes it extremely difficult to catch and is a problem in all schools throughout the country.

The distraction piece is students are using the hoods to hide their airpods. They are listening to music or youtube when they should be focusing on the lecture or lesson at hand. While there is time that is appropriate for students to listen to music while working to help them focus, during a lecture is detrimental to their learning.

The new HVAC system in the school is working wonderful with each classroom having their own heating/cooling unit and thermostat. I will assure you that while in the building they will not be cold.

We already have some students stating that they will be defiant and will wear their hoodie "no matter what". This will be dealt with through board policy on being a general misbehavior for failure to obey a reasonable request.

It is our duty to keep student's safety and their academic progress as a priority. We thank you in advance for support on this new initiative.


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