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## POLICY ON CLOTHING AND GROOMING STANDARDS

**Introduction:** The German School of Riga observes and respects the fundamental rights set forth in the laws of both the Latvian Republic as well as the Federal Republic of Germany. The right of every pupil to the free development of his or her personality as formulated in Article 2, paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not be affected or restricted by our school rules, but the right to the free development of personality may be restricted in the case of

- violation of the rights of others
- Violation of moral standards, or
- the fulfillment of an educational objective is endangered, or
- school routines (i.e., the calm and learning environment) are disrupted.

Therefore, an appropriate dress code has been and will be enforced in the school beginning with the 2022/23 school year.

### **What does "appropriate clothing" mean to us?**

- ⇒ Criterion 1: Clothing must be clean and whole: fancy "ripped" pants, can only be worn if the short trousers/skirts rule is followed (see the arm-length rule; trouser openings must not exceed this imaginary line!).
- ⇒ Criterion 2: Clothing that requires constant adjustments because of its size or cut is not appropriate clothing for school. A tight top that constantly slides off or jeans that are too big are not appropriate clothes for school.
- ⇒ Criterion 3: Important: underwear should not be visible (this also applies to bras).
- ⇒ Criterion 4: Clothing that shows a disproportionate amount of exposed body (especially tummy and back tops, bikini tops, tank tops, etc.) is considered inappropriate.
- ⇒ In the same way jewelry and other items of clothing that under the guise of freedom of speech carry racist, sexist, glorifying violence or discriminatory slogans, or in general endanger the peace, order in the school, the right to personal honor or tolerance education, are prohibited.

### **Explanation: What does the "arms outstretched rule" mean?**

The length of the skirt or shorts should reach at least to the fingertips with the arms outstretched. This means that very short shorts are also considered inappropriate school attire.

### **What happens if the dress code is violated?**

⇒ If students violate the above dress code, they may be sent home to change their clothes. When in doubt, school officials will decide on the appropriateness of the clothing.

Additional Notes:

⇒ Because clothing also embodies the attitude and approach to learning as well as to the school itself, and given that our school is not considered a "recreational or chill-out area," athletic pants are also not appropriate as casual wear.

Conclusion: We respect the dignity, customs, and honor of others. That is why we try to dress appropriately and be sensitive to the feelings of others.

- Headgear/visors are allowed to be worn on school grounds.
- However, hats of any kind are prohibited in the classroom.

**Pants:**

- Sweatpants and sweatpants of any other kind are appropriate only during sporting activities.
- Leggings, tight-fitting sweatpants can only be worn under a long shirt/dress/skirt so that the buttocks remain covered.

**Shoes:**

- Shoes should be appropriate for the lessons (sports: athletic shoes, chemistry (for various experiments): closed shoes, drawing (when working with sharp tools) closed shoes.)
- Bathing slippers or flip-flops are not allowed.

**Accessories, false nails and makeup:**

- Various accessories/applied nails should not disrupt the class or interfere with the student's full participation in the class.
- Gesture jewelry is not allowed.
- No flamboyant makeup is allowed.

Principal

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