In order to provide an educational environment that is safe, conducive to learning, and promotes school pride and student self-esteem, all Montgomery County middle school students will be required to dress in school uniforms according to board policy effective the first day of the 2004-2005 school year.

Students who object to the school uniform policy, based upon sincerely held religious beliefs, may be exempt from the school uniform policy. For information on requesting a religious exemption, see Policy 3510, *Religious-Based Exemptions from School Programs*.

The following schools have been approved to require students to wear school uniforms beginning with the 2004-2005 school year:

- East Middle School
- · West Middle School

Legal References: U. S. Constitution, Amend. I; G.S. 115C-16, -47, -390, -391

Cross References: Student Dress (policy 4316); Religious-Based Exemptions from School Programs (policy 3510); Disruptive Behavior (policy 4315)

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