

CLOTHING POLICY

The items listed below are intended to describe what clothing is allowed for the residents of Sweeney Youth Homes. Any item not indicated cannot be worn or possessed by any resident during their residency. All new residents will have their clothing evaluated upon admission and all clothing purchased must adhere to this policy.

SHIRTS: Shirts may be any color, either solid or patterned. They may have a small logo on the front of the shirt, but cannot contain any pictures, team names, or slogans. Shirts may be no more than one size larger than the resident's measured size. Short-sleeved shirts must have a sleeve hemline at or above the resident's elbow. Long-sleeved shirts must have a sleeve hemline that ends no lower than the resident's wrist. No sleeveless shirts or tank tops are allowed.

PANTS: Both jeans and cotton pants are acceptable. They may be in any color or style. However, pants cannot be any more than one size larger than the measured waist size. (The only exceptions to this rule are to be made at the manager's discretion, but under no circumstances can a resident wear pants that are not wearable without a belt.) Pant legs can be worn rolled up, but they must be completely hemmed around the entire bottom of both legs. No overalls are allowed.

SHORTS: All shorts must meet the same sizing requirements of pants; they must be hemmed and must end touching the kneecap.

JACKETS: Jackets must fit within one size of resident's measured size. They may not be solid black or contain any logos, team names, nicknames or slogans.

*****NOTE***** The above items cannot be worn in an "all dark" combination. Black, dark blue and dark gray shirts cannot be worn with black, dark blue or dark gray pants. There are no exceptions to this rule and the decision regarding what combinations are appropriate belongs to the staff.

BELTS: Belts cannot have more than six inches of excess length. Belt buckles must be plain without any lettering, numbering or symbols of any type displayed.

HATS: Plain baseball caps of any color may be worn at appropriate times. No other style of hat or cap will be allowed.

SHOES: Any style of street shoe may be worn. Soled slippers are not allowed, although non-soled slippers may be worn, but only inside the facility.

SUNGLASSES: Sunglasses may be worn during appropriate situations (as determined by staff). Sunglasses can only be worn during daylight hours and while outside. All sunglasses worn by residents must allow the eyes to be seen; no "blackout," extra dark or reflector lenses are allowed.

HAIR: Residents may choose from two styles: (1) Hair all one length over entire head, to be cut no shorter than 1/2". (2) Hair can be cut in two lengths, with the hair on the top of the head being longer than the hair around the bottom of the head. Using an imaginary line circling the head at the mid-point of the eye, the hair above the line cannot be any shorter than 3/4" and the hair below the line cannot be any shorter than 1/4". Absolutely no tails or shaved patterns of any kind will be allowed.

All clothing must be neat and presentable at all times. No torn, ripped, unhemmed or partially unhemmed clothing will be allowed. Clothing must be non-gang related in style and combination. Staff discretion is the deciding factor in questions regarding what is appropriate or inappropriate.

All clothing worn to school must be in accordance with the dress code policy of the school as well as within the policy of the group home. Check the clothing policy for the specific school for specific items that are not allowed on campus (e.g., hats, sunglasses, etc.). Signature below denotes acceptance of all above-stated policies.

Resident Signature _____

Date _____