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conjunction with the City Justice Courts to identify students who are chronically absent or are truant.

When a student reaches five unexcused/unverified absences, families will receive an attendance notification letter. When a student reaches 10 unverified, unexcused, and excused absences, families will receive an attendance warning letter and a referral to the AU for appropriate actions (see District guidelines). In order to avoid this eventuality, there are several precautions to take: (1) reinforce being on time and good attendance, (2) call the school each time a student will be late or absent, (3) present any medical documentation to the health technician and/or attendance clerk if illness will be a consistent, foreseeable issue.

An attendance letter will be sent by the school to the families of students who are approaching or pass the midway point for unexcused absences, excused absences and tardies. Parent cooperation is of the utmost importance in assuring student success.

Contact the school if the child will be out of school for a long period of time. If the office does not receive information from a parent regarding a child's absence within 10 days, the child will be withdrawn from Sunnyslope School.

## **Tardiness**

Students arriving at school after the second bell must report to the school office to pick up a late pass.

Tardiness causes missed instruction and classroom disruption. Excessive tardiness will lead to a school consequence. The only exception to this consequence is a note from a doctor or dentist. Parents of habitually tardy students will be contacted by the teacher, principal or District official.

Parents of students who are continually tardy will receive a letter citing the frequency of tardies. If the problem persists, parents will be called to meet with the principal to arrange time for the student to make up the missed classroom time. For safety reasons, students cannot be checked out of school during the last 15 minutes of the instructional day. This would be 3:00 p.m. on regular dismissal days and 1:30 p.m. on early-release days.

## Breakfast and Lunch Information

Breakfast is served each morning for all students. Children may choose to eat breakfast or not. However, children need to be on time to eat breakfast with their classroom friends.

Sunnyslope School strictly enforces the closed campus concept (Washington District policy JED). All students are expected to eat lunch at school, either the school lunch or a lunch brought from home. At the beginning of the school year all students receive a yearly menu calendar. This calendar describes the meals available each day.

Parents are welcome to join their child at lunch during the school

- obscene or suggestive T-shirts that have vulgar words or innuendos, advertisements of alcoholic/tobacco products or weapons;
- saggy pants (more than one size larger), too tight pants (size too small) or overly baggy shirts. (No skin or underwear should be showing between shirts and the waistband of pants/shorts. No skin should be exposed under the arms of tank tops.);
- clothing and materials (jewelry, key chains, bandannas, belts, belt buckles with letters/numbers, symbols, logos, specific colors in clothing and shoelaces) associated with or possibly associated with gang membership;
- chains or belts that hang from the waist or are attached to wallets or belt loops;
- glitter on the skin or in the hair, excessive makeup or hoop piercings (includes gage earrings).
- visible tattoos or student drawn body art.
- Pajamas and slippers may be worn only on designated days such as Spirit Week.

Clothing is to be worn appropriately and for the purpose it is intended (e.g. shirts buttoned, shoes tied, etc.). Hats or hoods are not to be worn during school hours except for special occasions (e.g., field trips, field days, cultural traditions, etc.). During the high heat months of the year, hats may be worn on the playground for protection from the sun. Bandannas associated with gangs/gang colors and sweat bands are not to be worn by either boys or girls. Because fads in dress and grooming are subject to sudden and sometimes radical change, a basic rule to remember is that student dress should not be suggestive, indecent, or unusual as to detract from the classroom environment. Changes in dress code, deemed appropriate and necessary by the school principal, may be announced, implemented and enforced during the course of the academic school year.

Shorts, skirts or skorts are considered too short when they do not at least touch the bottom of the middle finger when the arm is extended at the side of the person's body. Leggings may be worn if the shorts/skirt over the leggings meets the length criteria mentioned above. Shoulders are to be covered with straps at least three fingers in width. Shirts/blouses/dresses are to have a modest neckline.

Please consider the safety of children when choosing shoes to wear to school. Slides or sandals should not be worn to school. All shoes need to be closed-toed for student safety. Tennis shoes are to be worn in order for children to be safe on the playground/field and in Physical Education. Flip-flops, backless sandals, or high-heeled shoes are dangerous on the playground and should not be worn to school. Closed shoes and tennis shoes should be worn for children to be safe.

If a student has a Mohawk hair style, it cannot be higher than two inches.

Further information on student dress is on page 10 of this Parent/Student Handbook.

Backpacks may be used by children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Prohibited items found in a backpack will be confiscated.

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- responsibly. They will refrain from deliberate intent to destroy property.
- 3. Students are expected to demonstrate respect for privacy and the private property of other students and staff.
- 4. Students are expected to treat others with respect. Bullying (such as verbal, physical, written, social networking, etc.) will not tolerated.
- 5. Students are expected to allow self and others to learn and complete assignments without unnecessary disruptions or