

## **SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR**

The Poway High School community believes that Socially Responsible Behavior (SRB) is crucial to improving and maintaining a climate of respect. The Poway High School experience will enhance educational opportunities, prepare students for the workplace and allow all individuals to feel comfortable and secure. Staff, parents and students have developed guidelines for Socially Responsible Behavior during the school day and at all school sponsored events. Socially Responsible Behavior includes, but is not limited to the following:

- A. **Public Display of Affection:** Physical intimacy is to be valued but should be shared discreetly and not showcased. In an effort to promote behavior which establishes a friendly atmosphere without causing others to feel embarrassment or discomfort, unacceptable are:
1. Prolonged or heavy kissing
  2. Fondling/inappropriate sexual contact
  3. Excessive body contact
- B. **Language:** Appropriate language enhances mutual respect and raises the level of comfort necessary for students and staff to perform at their best. The following misuse of written, spoken or gestured communication in any language is unacceptable:
1. Obscene or profane
  2. Derogatory or intended to be racial, ethnic, religious, gender or sexual slurs intended to be hurtful or harassing in nature.
- C. **Dress:** School clothing should be neat, clean, and appropriate for school activities and should follow the standards of common decency. The dress code will be enforced at all school-sponsored activities. Clothing that violates this standard is unacceptable, and the student in violation will be disciplined appropriately.  
**Examples of unacceptable dress are as follows:**
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1. Clothing that reveals or exposes undergarments. This includes any muscle shirts (underwear style).
  2. Clothing that does not adequately cover the midriff, breasts, backs, or the buttock areas (No cleavage may be shown. Tube tops are unacceptable).
  3. Clothing and accessories (including backpacks) that promote or portray:
    - a. Drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco (420, 8-ball, mushrooms)
    - b. Sex
    - c. Gangs (numbered hats that denote an area)
    - d. Weapons
    - e. Violence or hate behavior including derogatory connotations directed toward sexual identity
  4. Altered hats (acceptable hats are those that are mass produced and are worn as intended by the manufacturer).
  5. Bandannas (worn or carried).
  6. Wallet chains (worn or carried).
  7. Belts or wrist-bands that have metal studs.