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For KXRB; Responding to requests for information on application of the O’Gorman High School dress code regarding male hair

Like many private schools in the United States, O’Gorman High School has a dress code.

This dress code is reevaluated every five years with input from all stakeholders.

In 2018, 80% of parents said that the dress code requirement regarding male hair length should remain a part of the dress code.

The dress code allows for culturally appropriate hairstyles such as dreadlocks.

Multiple students at our school have dreadlocks that meet the dress code policy.

The dress code addresses the length of hair for males and states, “Males must keep hair length above the eyes and not touching the collar.”

It is a common practice at the beginning of the school year to have to visit with numerous students about the length of their hair.

O’Gorman High School administrators reached out to the student’s parents to begin a dialogue about the student’s hair as it was out of compliance with the dress code.

Despite representations to the contrary, at no time did school administrators tell the parents that if the student did not cut his hair he would have to leave or be expelled.

The meeting with the parents ended with the understanding that further dialogue would occur in the hope of finding a resolution that would allow the student to remain at our school.

Prior to being able to engage in further dialogue, the parents of the student took to social media to present their version of events.

O’Gorman High School administrators would welcome further dialogue with the parents regarding a solution that would allow the student to stay at our school.

Bishop O’Gorman Catholic Schools Administration