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NRTC allows youth in care to acquire, and to bring with them, personal belongings and property and to decorate bedrooms and living area consistent with the developmental stage of the youth, the youth's social, racial, cultural, religious or ethnic background and limitations as established by NRTC. Nothing in this rule shall be construed as preventing NRTC from supervising the use of a youth's personal property, or from confiscating any items which pose a clear health or safety risk, or which interfere with the rights or privileges of others, or which are illegal to possess as a matter of state law or local ordinance. NRTC makes reasonable efforts to have the youth present during a search of the youth's personal belongings.

1. Youth wear their own clothing at NRTC. They are permitted to decorate their rooms with appropriate items. All personal possessions should be brought to NRTC during intake. Additional items can be brought in as needed/approved by the youth's NRTC Probation Officer.
2. Youth may bring in, or begin earning additional items thru Pack Points. As youth advance through the program the number of personal items that they are allowed to keep in their room will increase. Items include things such as pictures, memorabilia, etc.
  - a. Orientation - 3 items
  - b. A Level - 5 items
  - c. B Level - 7 items
  - d. C Level - 10 items
  - e. D Level - 12 items

NRTC provides each youth, in cooperation with the individual or agency holding custody of the youth, with clothing and footwear which is clean, well-fitting and seasonal. Clothing provided to a youth shall be considered to be a youth's personal property. Clothing provided by NRTC shall be appropriate to the youth's age.

1. By Court order, parents/guardians are responsible for providing clothing; however, NRTC and MCJC will assist when necessary.
2. Youth will keep their clothing in their rooms. Clothing items exceeding what is allowed in their rooms will be taken home or stored in a secure area.
3. Clothing is to be brought in through the basement, checked-in by a Probation Officer or Case Manager, and placed in the laundry room for Youth Specialist to heat clean and wash. After the clothing has been checked-in and cleaned, it will be given to the youth based on program guidelines.

NRTC shall provide each youth with adequate personal toiletry supplies. These supplies shall be appropriate to the youth's age, sex, race and cultural background and shall be considered to be the youth's personal property.

1. Self-care items are provided to each resident on the day of admission, and as necessary throughout placement.
2. Self-care items are kept in the youth's personal caddies outside of their rooms while not in use. Staff will provide hygiene supplies during morning and evening routine, and as needed by the youth.

NRTC shall provide instruction on good habits of personal care, hygiene and grooming. This instruction shall be appropriate to each youth's age, sex, race, cultural background and need for training.

1. Personal hygiene, grooming and health care are part of each youth's daily living responsibilities. Instruction is given at NRTC through independent living curriculum, Resource Guides and the monitoring and supervision of the youth's daily expectations; in the school component with curriculum devoted to teaching health; and in the family component, as needs are evident or concerns are expressed.