

School Administration

Administrative Procedure: Dress Code			
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The student dress code is based on the premise that appropriate student dress has a positive impact on student learning, student behaviour, and overall school climate and morale. It is also our belief that appropriate dress is in keeping with community expectations in that most workplaces have a high standard of dress. It also communicates the significance and importance of our educational programs. The Division expects that students are appropriately dressed for the occasion and that dress and appearance of students shall be the responsibility of parents/guardians and students. Although the dress and appearance of students rests with parents/guardians and students, all schools will have the right to determine guidelines for appropriate dress. The Board expects that the principal of the school will consult with parents/guardians and students in establishing the guidelines for each school. The Board expects principals, advisory councils, parents/guardians and students to establish school dress codes and also expects that this code shall be reviewed annually.

The interpretation of this policy is at the discretion of the principal and lack of compliance with school expectations is cause for disciplinary action. All schools shall duly inform students and parents/guardians of the school dress code.

The following guidelines will assist the schools in formulating school expectations.

- All clothing shall be neat and clean.
- Clothing may not distract attention from the schoolwork of either the wearer and/or other students. Guidelines for determining appropriate dress shall be based on the premise that a school is a workplace. A student must be deemed as dressed appropriately for school as a workplace.
- When appropriate, students shall remove outerwear and footwear and store these clothing items in their lockers or assigned storage areas before proceeding to, or engaging in, any other activities.
- Industrial arts and vocational students shall wear the appropriate uniform.

- People must wear shoes or runners in schools, as they may have to evacuate the school immediately in case of an emergency.

These points shall be enforced as expectations for dress code:

- No one may wear gang colours or insignia of any sort. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.
- No one may wear any clothing that displays offensive wording, pictures, graphics, symbols, or slogans. *

* The term offensive is defined as:

- Any wording, symbols, or depiction with sexual connotations.
- Any wording, symbols, or depiction related to substance abuse including pictures of bottles of liquor, marijuana leaves.
- Any wording, symbols, or depictions, which violate the Human Rights Code

The Division recognizes the possibility of multiple interpretations of a “Definition of Offensiveness”. Appeals regarding the decisions of school administrators shall be via the Superintendent and the Board (in that order). Pending the outcome of appeals, students shall comply with the school administrator requirements.