



Student Dress Code

Board Received: _____ Review Date: _____

Accountability

1. Frequency of Reports – As needed
2. Criteria for Success – Annual review with School Council conducted
– Code is enforced

Procedures

1. School administrators will consult with School Councils on an annual basis to review expectations related to student dress as per Regulation 330/10 Changes may be made to these expectations by the principal in consultation with School Council. This is a consultative process that, in a few cases, may ultimately require the school administrator to make a decision.
2. The school dress code must be communicated annually to parents/guardians and students.
3. Consideration will be given to the following issues:
 - affordability for families
 - consistency with the Human Rights Code and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms
 - expectation for student compliance
 - a review process that involves consultation with the school community
 - the essential role that an appropriate dress code has in promoting a safe and respectful learning and teaching environment
4. Clothing worn to school must be conducive to a safe, culturally inclusive learning environment.
5. The school administration reserves the right of final decision concerning student dress on a daily basis.
6. Requests for changes to a School Dress code (including requests for the implementation of a school uniform) are to be directed to the School Council.
7. The School Council must determine if there is interest in pursuing the issue through communication with parents/guardians, students, staff and community. If there is not sufficient interest, no further action will be taken during the school year.
8. If there is sufficient interest to proceed, a School Council sub-committee (including representatives from the community, staff, students, parents/guardians and the school administrator) will be formed to consider changes to the student dress code. The sub-committee will prepare recommendations for consideration by all stakeholders.
9. Recommendations made by the School Council sub-committee must be supported by 75% of eligible parents in the school community to proceed to implementation. Each family is eligible to one vote per student in the school.
10. If the 75% support for dress code changes is achieved, it will be communicated to the school community and implemented the following September. If the 75% support is not achieved, the issue will not be studied again unless 51% of parents with children currently attending the school or entering the school the following September that there is interest in reviewing the dress code policy of the school.
11. Once the appropriate student dress code has been formalized and communicated to all stakeholders, every student is to be in compliance. Non-compliance with the school dress code will result in the implementation of progressive discipline, up to and including suspension if necessary.