

Cedarland Dress Code

Rationale

The parents, teachers and students at Cedarland School have created this Dress Code in order to provide an atmosphere of dignity and respect throughout the school and to assist students in focusing on their learning environment.

Guidelines

1. When a staff member notices inappropriate student dress, he/she will ask the student discreetly to immediately address/correct the concern. Further consequences may be required, as outlined in the Cedarland School Behaviour Code.

2. Clothing, hats, and jewelry with inappropriate words, pictures, and graphics are unacceptable. Examples include; references to alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, promotion of drug use, profane or inappropriate language, sexual or violent language, harassment, discrimination or the defiance of authority.

3. Students are expected to be prepared for vigorous physical activity wearing the following items to physical education classes:

- Tops: t-shirt or sweatshirt
- Bottoms: gym shorts (as per guidelines above), or sweat pants
- Shoes: running, court or cross-training shoes that will not leave black marks
- Jewellery: not permitted for gym

4. It is unacceptable for students to wear revealing clothing (for example: bottoms, midriffs, chests) and undergarments must not be visible at any time. No see-through or mesh clothing. Clothing should not be so tight as to restrict movement. Intentional or unintentional tears, rips, or holes in clothing must meet the guidelines regarding skin and undergarment exposure.

Tops: -Grade K-3; spaghetti straps are permissible

- Grade 4-8; straps must be 2-fingers wide with no underwear showing
- no low-cut necklines

Bottoms: shorts and skirts must be mid- thigh in length

- slits must meet the mid-thigh criteria

Accessories: - any accessory that is studded, spiked, contains chains or in any way presents a potential danger to self or others is prohibited

5. Hats, caps or other head coverings may not be worn inside the school, with the exception of religious reasons, at the direction of a medical practitioner, or on special designated spirit days.

6. The staff at Cedarland will apply these dress expectations consistently and will make the final judgment about inappropriate student dress, in consultation with the principal.

This Cedarland Dress Code was reviewed and revised in December 2010 with input from the Cedarland Parent Council, school staff, students, and the school community. It will be reviewed again by all stakeholders in December 2012.