



POLICY 612.1
STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of an academic environment. Those standards generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a school setting will be the reference.

A student's appearance or mode of dress or cleanliness will not be permitted to disrupt the educational process for themselves or others nor will it constitute a threat to health or safety. When in the judgement of a principal or designate, a student's appearance disrupts the educational environment or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student will be required to make modifications.

All schools will establish their own dress code or policy and will publish such policy in a manner that will ensure it is familiar to all parents, students and staff.

The following issues should be addressed when developing school dress codes or policies:

- a) student health and safety;
- b) appropriate dress for participating in specialized programs and events;
- c) the wearing of clothing, insignias, symbols or adornments which may promote the use of controlled substances, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol or tobacco;
- d) the wearing of clothing which features offensive or vulgar words, pictures or drawings;
- e) the wearing of clothing which features phrases/pictures of a sexual nature;
- f) the wearing of clothing, insignias, symbols or adornments which denigrates a person's race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age;
- g) the wearing of clothing or insignia which features a group or philosophy which advocates violence or disruption;
- h) the wearing of clothing or clothing worn in a way which detracts from the teaching-learning process;



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- i) the wearing of hats, hoodies or other headwear, other than for religious reasons.

Uniforms

The Board will consider the approval of a school uniform for a specific school when the following criteria have been met:

- a) the Superintendent receives a letter from the principal which outlines the consultation process involving the school Parent Advisory Council which led to the recommendation of a school uniform as well as a description of the school uniform;
- b) evidence that at least eighty (80) percent (one vote per family) of the school community voted by secret ballot to approve a school uniform;
- c) evidence of a plan to provide school uniforms to any student who is disadvantaged;
- d) provisions for exceptions that may be necessary for religious reasons;
- e) provision for a process for opting out by individual families of a uniform requirement.