



**BOARD
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DRESS CODE

PREAMBLE

In compliance with provisions of the Education Act, Regulation 298 and the Safe Schools Act, all schools within the jurisdiction of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board shall adopt an appropriate dress code for students. The student dress code shall be in keeping with the Board's Mission Statement, Statement of Purpose and Directions, traditions and distinctiveness of Catholic schools.

GENERAL

1. Definitions

- a) **Dress Code** is defined as a standard of student dress agreed upon by the school community and in keeping with the Education Act and Regulations.
- b) **School Uniform** is defined as the standard of student dress consistent in style and colour (i.e. shirt, sweaters, pants and kilts).
- c) **Majority** is defined as at least 75% of the families of the students registered in the school.
- d) **Inappropriate** is defined as logos, sayings and pictures that address/display sexual content, substance abuse, violence, profanity, racial or gender discrimination or discrimination of any kind, or that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group.
- e) **Mandatory Compliance** is defined as the monitoring, enforcement and consequences applied to all students to ensure compliance.
- f) **Voluntary compliance** is defined as an acceptance of the school uniform without the requirement for monitoring, enforcement or consequences for non-compliance.

2. All schools, in consultation with the Catholic School Councils, shall adopt an

appropriate dress code for students which shall be in keeping with the Board's mission and vision and Catholic social teachings.

3. The school's dress code shall be communicated annually to the school community.
4. Once a dress code is adopted, compliance is mandatory. Consequences for non-compliance shall be addressed as per the Board's code of conduct.
5. Each school is encouraged to review its dress code and where applicable, its school uniform policy once every five years.
6. Secondary schools within the Board's jurisdiction shall adopt a school uniform policy.
7. Elementary schools within the Board's jurisdiction may establish/modify/abolish a school uniform policy if supported by the 'majority' of families. 'Majority' is defined as at least 75% of the families of the students registered at the school.
8. If an elementary school decides to establish a school uniform policy, voluntary compliance by all students is expected.
9. Only a school logo and/or Board logo and/or school name shall be permitted on school uniforms. Advertisement of any kind on school uniforms is prohibited. Clothing with inappropriate logos, sayings and pictures is not acceptable at school.

PROCEDURES

1. The Principal and Catholic School Council of elementary schools may initiate the process of establishing, modifying or abolishing a school uniform.
2. Elementary schools considering the establishment/modification/abolishment of a school uniform shall:
 - i) inform the appropriate Supervisory Officer;
 - ii) establish a representative committee including parents, staff, students and school administration. The purpose of the committee will be to determine whether or not the school community concurs with the adoption, modification or abolishment of a school uniform, explore its implications and, subject to the acceptance of the school community, implement the decision on a school uniform;

the committee will also develop an action plan which will include the following:

- a) data collection procedures
- b) public consultation
- c) a communication plan
- d) cost effective and subsidy plans
- e) clear voting procedures and clear ballot question
- f) implement the decision
- g) acquisition of apparel
- h) a review/monitoring process

iii) publish annually the school uniform policy.

3. Where elementary schools are considering a school uniform, the Principal and/or Catholic School Council may initiate discussions between the school community of feeder/collector schools to coordinate the transferability of school uniforms (i.e. adoption of standards of colour).

Monitoring:

Methods:

Frequency:

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