



### Appropriate Student Dress

**Board Received:** January 26, 2015

**Review Date:** February 2019

#### **Accountability:**

1. Frequency of Reports – As needed
2. Severity Threshold – As needed (eg. Changes in Regulations)
3. Criteria for Success – Annual review with School Council conducted  
– Code is enforced

#### **Procedures:**

1. Principals will consult with School Councils on an annual basis to review expectations related to student dress as per Regulation 330/10. As well, the school dress code must be communicated annually to parents and students.
2. Appropriate consideration must 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 safer and more respectful learning and teaching environment
3. Students should appreciate that clothing worn to school must be conducive to a safe, culturally inclusive learning environment. Clothing that detracts from the learning environment, including clothing or paraphernalia that may be gang related is considered inappropriate. While the selection of clothing worn at school is the responsibility of parents and students, the school administration reserves the right of final decision concerning student dress.
4. 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.
5. The School Council must determine if there is interest in pursuing the issue through communication with parents, students, staff and community. If there is not sufficient interest, no further action will be taken during the school year.
6. If there is sufficient interest to proceed, a School Council sub-committee (including representatives from the community, staff, students, parents and the principal) will be formed to consider changes to the student dress code. The sub-committee will prepare recommendations for consideration by all stakeholders.
7. 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.
8. 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 eligible 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.
9. 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 imposition of consequences which may include suspension.