

EDUCATION: STUDENTS

Policy 502.1.2

Dress Code

The way that staff and students dress has an impact on the tone of a school, and thus on the achievement of the provincial Mandate for the School System (OIC 1280/89) and the Board's Overall Educational Goal (Policy 101).

Staff and students are expected to dress in ways that are appropriate for their particular roles in the school and that show respect for themselves, for others, and for the school.

The correct balance between individual liberty, social convention, functionality, and context in matters of dress is impossible to define precisely. It involves judgments based on personal values and collective purposes that are best determined collaboratively by the members of a school community with due regard for district guidelines, community standards, and individual rights.

In the case of student dress, there should be a partnership between student, parent, and school that provides sufficient, but not excessive, guidance so that students not only dress appropriately but also learn to make good independent decisions regarding dress.

As role models, staff should dress in ways that set a good example for students. When they are in the school or attending school functions, parents and other adults should also dress in a manner that is consistent with the values of the school.