

Students 9210 Student Dress Codes	Administrative Application	
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Preamble

Individual schools shall establish codes for student dress that support a safe and orderly learning environment, in accordance with Board policy, Regina Catholic School Division (RCSD) mission, vision, and belief statements, teachings of the Church, and regulations pursuant to this administrative application.

Definitions

1. Dress Code

For the purpose of this administrative application, dress code refers to the expectations within a particular school with respect to appropriate student dress to be worn in school or at school-related events.

2. Uniform Dress Code

For the purpose of this administrative application, a uniform dress code refers to specific items of clothing that are required for student dress within a particular school and /or at school related events. It may or may not include items of clothing that contain the school crest or colours or that must be purchased from Board-approved suppliers.

Application

1. Establishment of Student Dress Codes

Principals shall ensure that the establishment of student dress codes involve staff and community consultation wherever possible.

2. Design and Implementation of Student Dress Codes

The design and implementation of student dress codes shall:

- a. Consider and address poverty sensitive issues or concerns.
- b. Consider the wellness and safety of all students, including cultural and safety considerations for wearing recommended or approved clothing and/or headgear and footwear in Physical Education, Practical and Applied Arts, and other specialized learning activities.
- c. Be consistent with school division's educational philosophy, commitment to Catholic education, and educational goals.

3. Requirements for Student Dress Codes

Members of the school community are expected to dress appropriately for the business of education. Dressing for success means dress that maintains Catholic values and appropriate personal hygiene. Students shall conform to reasonable standards of taste in dress and grooming. Student dress codes shall:

- a. Include the following as inappropriate student dress:
 - i. Generally immodest or inappropriate dress for the business of education.
 - ii. Dress with wording or graphics that is racist, sexist, profane, or demeaning to another person or group.
 - iii. Dress with wording or graphics that advocates violence.
 - iv. Dress with wording or graphics that advocates the consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs.
- b. Set out clear expectations for student compliance and the consequences of non-compliance.

4. Monitoring Student Dress Codes

Principals shall ensure that student dress codes are monitored and reviewed annually in consultation with parents/guardians, parent associations, staff, and students.

5. Establishing Uniform Dress Codes

In situations where a school community wishes to consider a uniform dress code, the following shall apply:

- a. Permission to proceed with community consultation on the question of establishing a uniform dress code requires preliminary approval of the Board. A detailed plan outlining rationale, costs, community involvement, and other impacting factors must be submitted to the Board prior to consideration for approval.
- b. The adoption of a uniform dress code requires:
 - i. 80% of total community support for the plan, as indicated through the community consultation and acceptance process.
 - ii. Formal Board approval.