



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (Policy Statement: Appropriate Dress for Elementary Students)

Purpose

1. The Principal and Catholic School Council in keeping with the wishes of a “majority of parents”, will develop a school policy regarding appropriate student dress as part of the school Code of Conduct supporting a safe and positive learning environment.
2. Each school's student dress code, formal dress code or school uniform will be communicated annually to the school community as part of the school Code of Conduct.
3. Appropriate student dress may be delineated as:
 - Dress code
 - A formal dress code
 - A school uniform
 - 3.1 Dress Code will clearly define acceptable dress for all students. This may be general or specific such as addressing the wearing of ball caps and the length of skirts and shorts.
 - 3.2 A formal dress code specifies the colour and style of clothing (e.g., navy pants and blue shirts with collars).
 - 3.3 School uniform specifies the clothing and the supplier.
4. Catholic School Councils that wish to consider adopting or rescinding a dress code, a formal student dress code or school uniform will comply with the following criteria:
 - 4.1 Inform the appropriate Supervisory Officer through their Principal;
 - 4.2 Establish a representative committee which includes, but is not limited to, parents, staff, students and school administration; and,
5. Develop an action plan in consultation with the school community which will include the following:
 - a. Research and data collection which includes an interest survey distributed to parents;
 - b. Voting procedures;
 - c. An effective communication plan;

- d. A clear question for the ballot;
 - e. A timeline and list of responsibilities;
 - f. Tabulation of results and determination as to whether to proceed;
 - g. Articulation of standardized apparel;
 - h. Guidelines to be used for the acquisition of same;
 - i. A process to address issues of affordability;
 - j. A process to review/monitor dress code policy every three to five years at the request of the Catholic School Council;
 - k. Ensure consistency with the Human Rights Code and the Charter of Rights and Freedom and,
 - l. The official supplier of each school's uniform will be selected by Board administration, in consultation with each school's administration, according to the Board's tendering practices in accordance with associated Board policies and administrative procedures.
6. The Principal will develop consequences for non-compliance;
7. A "majority of parents" will be defined in the following way:
- a. Each family will be entitled to one vote;
 - b. A minimum participation rate will be deemed to be 80% of the possible votes as defined in 5a;
 - c. 80% of ballots cast will be required to carry the vote.
8. A current school policy regarding appropriate dress will be filed by each school with the Office of the Director of Education and the appropriate Supervisory Officer.

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