

<b>Administrative Procedures Manual</b>	<b>Administrative Procedure 350.1</b>
	<b>Student Dress Code</b>
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## **Background**

Different forms of dress are appropriate in different situations. Dress of students should contribute to a school atmosphere conducive to learning. The Division encourages students, under the supervision of their parents, to maintain high standards of dress, grooming and appearance that comply with the dress code of the school that their child attends. Parents and students carry the responsibility for adhering to their school's dress code.

## **Procedures**

1. School administration is expected to work with students, staff and parent councils to develop a 'Student Dress Code' that reflects the values of the school community based on input from the constituent groups.
2. The Student Dress Code will identify strategies for responding to instances of students not meeting the standards of the code.
3. Student Dress Codes, developed by individual schools must include a prohibition of the following elements:
  - 3.1. Clothing that is offensive, discriminatory, suggestive, violent, gory or has inappropriate language or graphics;
  - 3.2. Clothing that promotes alcohol or drug use;
  - 3.3. Clothing that reveals undergarments;
  - 3.4. Clothing that exposes the midriff, breasts, buttocks;
4. Hats: Individual schools, along with their school community, determine policy on wearing hats in schools.
5. The school administration will, in the fall and spring of each year, send a notice to parents that outlines the dress code expectations of each school.