



Niagara Catholic District School Board

ELEMENTARY STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE POLICY (Safe Schools)

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

300 – Schools/Students

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The elementary standardized dress code requirements and expectations will be communicated annually to all families through newsletters, school websites or correspondence from the school principal.

1. As part of the elementary standardized dress code, elementary students are required to wear appropriate health and physical education clothing items.
2. Alternate Dress Days, to a maximum of 10 days per school year excluding specialized charity events determined by the school principal for specific events or activities will be communicated in advance to students and parents/guardians. All elementary standardized dress code expectations apply on alternate dress days. Clothing must be appropriate and modest, must not display any sign, symbol or phrase which is directed at an individual, group/culture or which contains an offensive or inappropriate message or slogan.
3. A written request from parents/guardians for modifications to the elementary standardized dress code items to meet the individual/sensory needs of a student will be approved by the principal/vice-principal and reviewed annually.

ELEMENTARY STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE COMPLIANCE

1. Compliance with the Elementary Standardized Dress Code Governance Policy and Administrative Operational Procedures is a condition of registration and attendance at a Niagara Catholic elementary school.
2. It is the expectation that students wear the elementary standardized dress code items properly and in compliance with expectations from home to school, throughout the school day, from school to home and at all activities and events as representatives of the school and/or Board.
3. All students are expected to wear the elementary standardized dress code items on field trips/specialized events unless otherwise approved by the school principal. The principal in consultation with the classroom teacher will determine the appropriate dress. Notification regarding appropriate dress for field trips/specialized events will be communicated in advance to students and parents/guardians.
4. Student co-curricular clothing items, spirit wear or athletic uniforms will have, in addition to the school name and logo, the Board logo embroidered and/or screened on the items.
5. No advertisement of any kind is permitted on any student co-curricular clothing items, spirit wear, athletic uniform or any elementary standardized dress code item.

ELEMENTARY STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE ITEMS

1. At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following items:
 - Navy blue sweat pants (Kindergarten to Grade 3);
 - Navy blue pants;
 - Navy blue dresses or skorts; or

- Navy blue capris or walking shorts.
- Grade 8 students have the option to wear grey secondary uniform pants purchased through Board uniform suppliers.

Pants, skirt or dress length must be appropriate and modest. Only knee length capris or shorts are permitted. All clothing must be in good repair.

2. At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following items:
 - Navy blue or white oxford shirt (short or long sleeve);
 - Navy blue or white polo shirt (short or long sleeve); or
 - School designed spirit wear polo shirt.

The elementary standardized dress code shirts, either polo or oxford must be buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.

In addition, approved sweaters and hoodies embroidered and/or screened with the school logo are permitted to be worn as part of the elementary standardized dress code.

Footwear

Running shoes are the recommended footwear with a full back and a closed toe. It is recommended that parents/guardians provide a pair of indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear.

Socks must be neutral in colour and worn with the elementary standardized dress code items at all times.

Head Coverings

With the exception of a head covering as part of a religious observance, hats, hoods, are prohibited.

Piercings and Tattoos

Visible facial piercing (excluding a small nose stud), excessive piercing, ear expanders and visible tattooing and branding containing an offensive message, advertisement, or slogan are prohibited.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS

The school principal, in consultation with the Catholic School Council, will annually review the elementary standardized dress code items. Any transition from one type of approved dress code item to another will be grandfathered and permitted to be worn as part of the elementary dress code during the transition period.

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