



Niagara Catholic District School Board

**DRESS CODE – SECONDARY UNIFORM POLICY
(Safe Schools)**

STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE POLICY

300 – Schools/Students

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In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board and in accordance with the dress code requirements of the Safe Schools Act, all secondary schools within the Niagara Catholic District School Board will implement a secondary uniform that recognizes the uniqueness and gifts of all students.

This Policy acknowledges a respect for self and others by supporting each student to actively and equitably participate fully in the Catholic learning environment through the creation of safe, inclusive and accepting school climates in alignment with the design and expectations Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

The secondary uniform creates a unified sense of belonging for all students from Grades 9 to 12 and supports the commitment of our students to be visible role models of the teachings of the Gospel and the Roman Catholic Church within all our schools, communities and society.

It promotes Catholic school identity, instills pride and spirit by identifying with a particular school community. The secondary uniform is inclusionary by equalizing any peer pressure and is intended to be economical for all families.

All Niagara Catholic secondary school uniforms as defined in the Administrative Procedures must be purchased through Board uniform suppliers in compliance with the Niagara Catholic Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Policy.

This Policy has been developed in compliance with the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the *Ontario Human Rights Code* and the *Education Statutes and Regulations of Ontario*. For the purpose of this Policy, the term secondary school uniform aligns with the *Education Statutes and Regulations of Ontario* term dress code.

The Director of Education will issue Administrative Operational Procedures for the implementation of this policy.

References

- [*Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*](#)
- [*Education Statutes and Regulations of Ontario - Regulation 298 S.23 \(1\) \(f\)*](#)
- [*Ontario Human Rights Code*](#)
- [*Safe Schools Act, 2007. Education Act S. 301 \(1\) \(3\), 302 \(3\) \(5\)*](#)
- [*Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures*](#)
 - [*Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy \(302.6.10\)*](#)
 - [*Purchasing / Supply Chain Management Policy \(600.1\)*](#)
 - [*Religious Accommodation Policy \(100.10.1\)*](#)
 - [*Fundraising Policy \(301.4\)*](#)

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