

Code I: Students

POLICY TITLE AND CODE

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT DRESS

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools ensures that an appropriate dress policy will be developed in each school, in accordance with the following Board Guidelines.

RATIONALE

Catholic Schools are 'Places of Welcome' where God can be encountered. We strive to create conditions where everyone feels valued, safe, and has a sense of belonging.

From the first moment a student sets foot in a Catholic school, he or she ought to have the impression of entering a new environment, one illumined by the light of faith, and having its own unique characteristics. (The Religious Dimension of Catholic Education – 25)

It is central to the mission of Catholic education that students of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools emulate the essential elements of a Catholic Christian identity. These principles must be respected in our choice of dress.

Within the context of our secular world we are called to follow the standards of our Faith.

Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2524).

AUTHORITY

- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- The Religious Dimension of Catholic Education

GUIDELINES

1. All schools shall develop an appropriate Dress Code for students.

PROCEDURES

1. The code is to be developed with the input, guidance and support of the parent community.
2. The dress code is to be communicated annually to the school community.
3. Students are expected to observe all aspects of the dress code. School staff and parents will be expected to support its implementation.
4. Appropriate dress will be required for specialized activities. Examples of such activities include field trips, play days, shops, arts activities and Physical Education. Where students are engaged in Work Experiences, then dress requirements at these locations must be respected.
5. Criteria to be used in developing School Dress Codes includes:
 - . Age of the students
 - . Appropriateness in relation to the activity in keeping with Catholic Values
 - . Cleanliness
 - . Modesty
 - . Neatness
 - . Safety considerations
6. It is expected School Dress Codes will, at a minimum, include the following examples of what is inappropriate:
 - . clothing or other accessories with alcohol, tobacco, or drug references or obscene designs or words;
 - . exposed undergarments;
 - . mesh, halter, tube, or strapless or spaghetti strap tops;
 - . gang-related styles or symbols;
 - . midriff or lower back-bearing shirts;
 - . shorts, skirts and dresses of an inappropriate length.
7. On special occasions, the principal may make school-wide exceptions to the school dress code.

REFERENCES

Statement of Educational Commitment of Saskatoon Catholic Schools:

- . To welcome each student
- To foster good human relationships
- To provide an identifiable Catholic environment

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June 19, 2006

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