



HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC  
District School Board

## Student Dress Code

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### **BELIEF STATEMENT:**

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board believes in an inclusive commitment to Catholic values, the Gospels of Jesus Christ and high standards for student achievement. We serve our students, parishes and school communities in a Christ-centred environment to provide learning opportunities that support the holistic growth of all persons.

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board that all schools shall establish the appropriate dress code of students in accordance with the informed decisions of the Catholic School Advisory Council. The dress code for students shall be implemented as per the mission, vision and values of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board, provincial codes of conduct and the requirements of the Safe Schools Act, 2007.

The Board requires the use of school uniforms for secondary school students and supports uniforms for elementary schools, where there is consensus in favour of adopting school uniforms.

### **PROCEDURE: (Secondary Schools)**

As a fully inclusive Board, school uniforms recognize the uniqueness and gift of all students. This policy acknowledges a respect for self and others by supporting each student to actively and equitably participate in the Catholic learning environment. The policy is rooted in creating school climates that create a unified sense of belonging and equalize all students regardless of a family's socio-economic background.

The secondary uniform supports the commitments and objectives of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board for students to be visible role models of the teachings of the Gospels and the Roman Catholic Church within all our schools, communities and society.

The Board's policy for uniforms in secondary schools aligns with the values of the Board and assists in creating caring, safe and welcoming learning environments that respect the needs and wellness of all individuals. The policy promotes Catholic school identity and instills pride and spirit by identifying with the school community.

The secondary uniform is inclusionary by equalizing any peer pressure and is intended to be economical for families. The secondary uniform assists in ensuring that the focus on an individual student is rooted in uniqueness as a gift of God.

- School principals shall have the responsibility, in consultation with the Catholic School Advisory Council, to annually review a dress code and uniform items. (Education Act s.302 (1, 2, 3, 5) - Board Policies and Guidelines Governing Conduct, Discipline, Safety and Appropriate Dress).
- The Catholic School Advisory Council will ensure:
  - a process that enables a majority of parents/guardians in the Catholic school community to have input on the appropriate uniform garments for their school;
  - a review process that involves consultation with the school community;
  - a process to address issues of affordability, consistency with the Human Rights Code, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as Gospel values.
- The principal will communicate the secondary uniform requirements annually to all families and use his/her judgement in the implementation of the dress code.
- Issues of affordability will be communicated and addressed to all families. No student will be denied access to school as a result of inability to afford appropriate clothing required by a school's dress code.
- Secondary school students are required to wear accepted and approved school uniforms properly and in compliance with expectations from home to school, throughout the school day, from school to home, and at all field trips, activities and events as directed by the principal.
- All Huron-Perth Catholic secondary school uniforms must be purchased through Board uniform suppliers in compliance with the expectations for integrity and professionalism contained in policy 3E:21 – Purchasing of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board.
- Alternate Dress Days will be determined by the school principal for specific events or activities and communicated in advance to students, parents and guardians. All secondary uniform expectations regarding student safety apply on alternate dress days.
- Compliance with the Huron-Perth Catholic School Board's Student Dress Code policy and responsibilities is a condition of registration and attendance within the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board.
- Students are to be dressed in a neat and modest manner, groomed well and thus demonstrate a positive sense of self.
- Clothing that promotes undesirable values, behaviours and/or attitudes, bears a negative message and/or image, is not age appropriate, is immodest, shows disrespect and/or promotes profanity and/or lewd conduct is not permitted.

#### **PROCEDURE: (Elementary Schools)**

The Board supports the wearing of school uniforms in the spirit of building and nurturing the Catholic school community. In the event that an elementary school community would like to

implement school uniforms, the following process would apply:

- School principals shall have the responsibility, in consultation with the Catholic School Advisory Council, to annually review a dress code and uniform items and communicate the expectations with students, staff and parents/guardians. (Education Act s.302 (1, 2, 3, 5) - Board Policies and Guidelines Governing Conduct, Discipline, Safety and Appropriate Dress).
- The principal, in consultation with the Catholic School Advisory Council, shall ensure that a transparent discussion and process is hosted with the school community. The consultation must be hosted in an open forum at one or more meetings that are planned well in advance, with due notice being given to the school community.
- The consultation process is designed to enable a majority of parents/guardians to decide what an appropriate dress code policy should be in their school through their Catholic School Advisory Council. The results of the consultation shall be presented to the Supervisory Officer and Director of Education for approval with the subsequent consideration of the Board of Trustees.
- The school dress code will be consistent with modesty, respect, and the teachings and practices of our Catholic school system.
- Students are to be dressed in a neat and modest manner, groomed well and thus demonstrate a positive sense of self.
- Clothing that promotes undesirable values, behaviours and/or attitudes, bears a negative message and/or image, is not age-appropriate, is immodest, shows disrespect and/or promotes profanity and/or lewd conduct is not permitted.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- N/A

**REFERENCES:**

- N/A

**RESOURCES, APPENDICES AND FORMS:**

- N/A