

**Policy Adopted:** June 2001  
**Revision Date:** June 2025  
**Responsibility:** Superintendent of Education - Safe Schools

### 1. Objective

This policy is intended to promote a positive learning environment in schools consistent with the values of the Halton District School Board ("HDSB") and to ensure a safe and inclusive learning and working environment for all students, staff and members of the community regardless of their race, age, disability, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, and creed , ([Equity Inclusive Education Policy](#), [Safe and Accepting Schools Policy](#), [Code of Conduct](#), [Discriminatory and Harmful Language Protocol](#)). This policy is in compliance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Safe Schools Act 2000 – S. 302 (5).

### 2. Policy Statement

Halton District School Board school principals, in consultation with their school council, staff and students, shall determine student attire standards. Student attire standards should be reflective of the HDSB's values and expectations as detailed in the Administrative Procedure: Student Attire.

### 3. Guiding Principles

- Students have a right to learn in a safe and caring space that is free of bias, hate, discrimination and harassment.
- Students have a right to respectfully express their individuality.
- Student attire must be presented in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes
- Student attire is one way that we are working to ensure Indigenous Rights and Human Rights are upheld in a safe, inclusive and equitable learning environment for all students.

### **Related Board Policies and Governance Procedures**

Equity Inclusive Education Policy  
Indigenous Education Policy  
Safe and Accepting Schools Policy

### **Related Board Administrative Procedures**

Standards for Student Attire  
Religious and Creed Accommodation

### **Related Legislation and Industry Documents**

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples | United Nations  
For Indigenous Peoples  
Canadian Bill of Rights (SC 1960, c. 44)  
Constitution Act, 1982 s.(25)  
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms s.(15), s. (35)  
Ontario Human Rights Code  
Constitution Act, 1982 s.(25), s.(35)  
Safe Schools Act 2000 – S. 302 (5)  
\*Contains the Code of Conduct School Council Regulations (Reg 612/00 s. 19(1))

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**Policy Due for Review:      June 2029**

### **Revision History**

- June 2025 (M25-064) - Comprehensive Review
  - Revisions include alignment with the 2024-2028 Multi Year Strategic Plan (MYSP), administrative changes, clarified language, and title change.