



BOARD POLICY	
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## SCHOOL DRESS CODE

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### 1. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is intended to promote a positive learning environment in schools consistent with the values of the Halton District School Board (“the Board” ) and to ensure a safe and inclusive learning and working environment for all students, staff and the community, regardless of their race, age, ability, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, socio-economic circumstances, or body type/size ([Equity Inclusive Education Policy](#) and [Safe and Accepting Schools Policy](#)). This policy is in compliance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the Safe Schools Act 2000 – S. 302 (5).

Student dress code standards are one way that we are working to ensure safe, inclusive and equitable learning environments for all of our students. Schools need to be able to focus on teaching and learning without undue emphasis on monitoring dress code infractions.

Dress codes must be presented in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes. We believe students have a right to learn in a safe and caring space that is free of bias and discrimination, and that students have a right to respectfully express their individuality. To ensure our learning environments are safe and respectful spaces, our Board has adopted a shared set of standards for student dress as detailed in the Administrative Procedure: School Dress Code.

### 2. SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

Halton District School Board school principals, in consultation with their school council, staff and students, shall determine a dress code for their students. Schools are encouraged to create a dress code that is reflective of the age and stage of their students, and that is based on the Board’s dress code values, expectations and standards as detailed in the Administrative Procedure: School Dress Code.

#### **Legal References:**

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms  
The Ontario Human Rights Commission  
The Safe Schools Act 2000 – S. 302 (5)

#### **Board References:**

*Administrative Procedure: School Dress Code*