

NIPISSING-PARRY SOUND CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRESS CODE FOR PUPILS

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PREAMBLE

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board believes that it is important that all students wear appropriate attire as part of a collaborative effort to establish a safer and more responsible learning and teaching environment.

REGULATIONS

1. **Definitions**

- a) **Dress code** is defined as a standard of student dress agreed upon by the school community and in keeping with the Education Act and Regulations.
 - b) **School uniform** is defined as the standard of student dress consistent in style, colour and price (i.e. shirt, sweaters, pants and kilts).
 - c) **Majority** is defined as at least 65% of the families registered in the school.
2. All schools, in consultation with school councils, shall adopt an appropriate dress code for students which shall be in keeping with the Board's mission and vision and Catholic social teachings.
 3. Secondary schools within the Board's jurisdiction shall adopt a school uniform policy.
 4. Elementary schools within the Board's jurisdiction may establish a school uniform policy if support by the 'majority' of families. 'Majority' is defined as at least 65% of the families of the students registered at the school.
 5. If an elementary school decides to establish a school uniform policy, compliance by all students is expected.
 6. Only a school logo/name shall be permitted on school uniforms. Advertisement of any kind on school uniforms is prohibited.
 7. The school's dress code shall be communicated annually to the school community.
 8. Once a dress code is adopted, compliance is mandatory. Consequences for non-compliance shall be addressed in the school's code of conduct.

PROCEDURES

1. The Principal and/or Catholic School Council may initiate the process of adopting a school uniform.

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<p>2. Elementary schools considering a school uniform shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) inform the appropriate Supervisory Officer;ii) establish a representative committee including parents, staff, students and school administration. The purpose of the committee will be to determine whether or not the school community concurs with the adoption of a school uniform, explore the implications of introducing a uniform including affordability and, subject to the acceptance of the school community, implement the introduction of a school uniform;iii) develop an action plan which will include the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) data collectionb) public consultationc) a communication pland) cost effective and subsidy planse) clear voting procedures and clear ballot questionf) a decision to implement or notg) a strategy for complianceh) acquisition of appareli) a review, monitoring processiv) publish annually the school uniform policy.	