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Policy Name: **Appropriate Dress for Students**

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board to support its schools in meeting their expectations of appropriate student dress.

Principals, in conjunction with School Councils, will review these expectations regularly and communicate them to the parents/guardians and students at the beginning of every school year and thereafter as deemed necessary.

Rationale

In conjunction with the Safe Schools Act, subsection 302(5), this policy will promote safe and respectful learning and teaching environments.

Guidelines

1. This policy is administered under and guided by, the Ontario Code of Conduct and Safe Schools Act, 2000, subsection 302(5).
2. Principals, in consultation with School Councils, may develop an appropriate dress policy.
3. The policy must be consistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom and the Ontario Human Rights Code (i.e., disability, religious beliefs, etc.).

Cross Reference
Safe Schools Act 302(5)
Ontario Human Rights Code
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Policies:

321, Safe and Supportive Schools
322, Code of Conduct
330, Character Development
501, School Councils and Parent Involvement Committee

Procedures:

320, Appropriate Dress for Students
321, Safe and Supportive Schools

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4. Students are expected to comply with the Board and School policies on appropriate dress. Non-compliance may lead to progressive discipline consequences.
5. A dress code prohibiting the wearing of clothing or display of symbols that exhibit drug paraphernalia, are sexually explicit, incite hatred and biases, identifies a student with gang involvement, or depict inappropriate concepts as identified by the school, will be enforced.
6. Principals will review and monitor the Appropriate Dress Policy in consultation with the school council, annually, and as requested.
7. Ensuring compliance with the policy will be the responsibility of the Principal and the school staff.
8. Schools considering the adoption of school uniforms shall refer to Procedure 320, Appropriate Dress for Students.