Keewatin Patricia DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	Procedure Section: School Administration	**300** **320**

PROCEDURE

Appropriate Dress for Students

Cross References:	
Policies: 320, Appropriate Dress for Students 501, School Councils Parent Involvement Committee **Procedure:** 320-2, Appendix A, Uniform Ballot	Created: February 11, 2014

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Procedures for a Dress Policy

1. Parents and students will be provided an opportunity for input regarding the school Appropriate Dress policy (e.g. written submissions, meetings, presentation at school council meeting, etc.).
2. The Appropriate Dress policy will be communicated annually at the beginning of the school year to parents in a published format and provided to all new registrants through the School Handbook.

Procedures for Consideration of a School Uniform

The following procedures shall be used when consideration is being given by a school for the adoption of a school uniform.

1. The school council will determine if an interest may exist in the school community in pursuing the issue through communication with parents, students, staff and the community.
   The process used to determine this interest may include:
   - surveys
   - discussion
   - Focus groups, etc.

2. If there is not sufficient interest, no further action will be taken during the school year.

   If the process used in “A” results in a determination by the School Council that interest may exist in adopting a school uniform, the School Council will undertake a study to determine whether sufficient interest exists in adopting a school uniform.

   The process must ensure that appropriate consideration is given to the following issues:

   - affordability for families;
   - Consistency with the Charter of Rights and the Human Rights Code
   - (Consideration must be given to special needs students);
   - the expectation for student compliance;
   - a communication plan and implementation timeframe;
   - the level of support among intermediate and senior students, through assessments of student voice;

- implications for staff (principal to consider);
- clear voting procedures and clear ballot questions, where the ballot is mailed out to each family registered in the school and returned by mail or hand delivery (see Appendix A for the sample ballot);
- a decision to implement or not will be decided by a clear majority of families. A clear majority is defined by 66% of families registered in the school;
- acquisition of apparel;
- a review/monitoring process.

With the additional information that has been gathered, the school council will further determine the interest level of the school community.

The school council will share the information gathered with the school community, including a description of the proposed change.

3. If, following the study, there is not sufficient interest, the issue will not be pursued during the school year.

   Where, following the study, it is determined by the School Council that there is sufficient interest in adopting a school uniform, a decision making process will be developed to determine whether a clear majority (e.g. at least 66%) of eligible families support the proposed change.

   If the minimum standard is reached, the adoption of a school uniform shall be put into place.

4. If the decision-making process does not meet the minimum standard of 66%, the issue will not be studied again for a period of three (3) years.