

## **POLICY 311 STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES**

The Board of Education recognizes that fostering inclusivity and respect for others is critical to creating safe and positive learning environments in our schools for all students. Further, dress guidelines strike a balance between individual expression and the need for students to attend school in clothing that allows them to fully and safely participate in all activities.

Each school will establish its own student dress guidelines in consultation with parents, staff and students. These guidelines will:

1. Address the need for inclusivity and gender neutrality.
2. Focus on safety rather than modesty.
3. Be accessible to parents, staff and students.
4. Be constructive rather than punitive so that correction or discipline is not required.

Staff members have a responsibility to assist students in understanding and abiding by the dress guidelines; if a student comes to school dressed in clothing that is not appropriate for the day's activities, this should be dealt with in a way that does not cause shame or loss of learning time. Parents have a responsibility to send their children to school in clothes that allow them to learn and/or play. Students have a responsibility to dress in clothing that meets health and safety standards for all intended activities.