

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

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**P.6.03 DRESS/APPEARANCE CODE**

**THE BOARD SUPPORTS ALL SCHOOLS IN THEIR EXPECTATIONS OF APPROPRIATE STUDENT DRESS.**

**OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

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**OP.6.03 DRESS/APPEARANCE CODE**

1. Principals in consultation with school councils will review the expectations of appropriate student dress regularly, and communicate them to parents and students on an annual basis.
2. The following are not acceptable in schools :
  - hats
  - beach attire of any type
  - clothing with offensive logos or comments
  - inappropriate jewellery

Walking shorts of acceptable length may be worn in season.

Certain accessories may not be approved at the discretion of the school administration.

**3. School Uniforms**

When consideration is being given to a school uniform, the following applies:

- a) The school council must determine if there is an interest in pursuing the issue of school uniforms through communication with parents, staff, students, and the community.

The method used to determine this interest may include: surveys, discussion and/or focus groups, etc.

If there is not sufficient interest, no further action will be taken for a period of three (3) years.

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- b) If, as a result of “ a)”, there is sufficient interest in studying this issue, a process must be followed which ensures that appropriate consideration is given to the following issues:
- affordability for families
  - consistency with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Human Rights Code
  - the expectation for student compliance
  - the implementation time frame - changes shall be effective at the beginning of the next school year
  - the level of support among intermediate and senior students.

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.

- c) To determine if a school uniform is to be further considered, a survey will be developed to include the following:
1. Parents are to be informed on the survey/ballot of the cost of uniforms.
  2. There is a minimum support of 60% of the eligible families of students enrolled in the school. i.e. 100 families require minimum of 60 returns.

**NOTE:**

If the decision-making process does not meet the minimum standard of 60%, the issue will not be studied for a period of three (3) years.

3. A majority to consider uniforms must be 70% in favour i.e. 70% of 60 families (see # C. 1 above) or 42 families in favour.
4. The time limit for a campaign to implement school uniforms shall be 30 days.
5. Once implemented, uniforms will be in place for a minimum of ten (10) years.
6. Any changes to the style of uniforms requires a reasonable overlap time.