



Student Dress Expectations

Bakerview Centre for Learning Student Dress Policy supports equitable educational access and is written in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes and that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, or body type.

The intent of a dress policy is to set expectations to assist students, staff and parents/guardians in decision-making with respect to clothing. It is not intended to be prescriptive nor punitive, but to provide a level of clarity so that correction or discipline is not required.

The dress policy is intended to incorporate individual preferences for students and their families to dress in the manner they choose. Individual choice is however tampered by a responsibility to recognize that a school is a learning and working environment, and as such, students are expected to dress in a reasonable manner.

Clothing should be comfortable and allow a student to participate safely in physical education, daily activities, and science experiments, etc. Clothing should demonstrate a respect for the school community.

Articles of clothing that promote alcohol or drugs, that display offensive language or images, or that encourage sexism, racism or bigotry are not acceptable in our school. Clothing bearing direct or indirect messages or graphics referring to gang culture, sex or pornography, weapons or violence will not be permitted.

The following are the guidelines for school attire:

1. Clothing and accessories cannot pose a safety concern or conceal one's identity.
2. Specific attire may be required for a variety of classroom settings such as PE, labs, etc
3. Clothing must cover undergarments.

When there are differences in perspective, all involved have a duty to seek common understanding in a mutually respectful manner. Ultimately, the school administration has the responsibility to apply the dress policy when necessary. If any person dresses in an inappropriate manner, the student should be advised personally and discretely.