



Standards for Student Dress 2024-25



In Edmonton Catholic Schools, students are expected to dress in a manner that honors the dignity of the human person, who is created in the image of God, and that supports an inclusive, welcoming, caring, respectful, safe, and Catholic learning environment that promotes the well-being of all. Understanding that it is not possible to list all the specific types of acceptable and unacceptable student dress, the purpose of establishing Standards of Student Dress is to empower students to make appropriate choices.

Junior and Senior High Students:

Students who do not meet the Standards of Student Dress will be required by the school principal or their designate to meet the standards before participating in school activities. Schools will facilitate the enabling of students to meet the standards in such situations whenever possible.

- Students at the junior and senior high level are of an age where they are learning attitudes and behaviors that will make them successful socially or professionally at work or at school. They are expected to dress in a manner which would be reflective of mainstream youth employment that demonstrates respect for self and others.
- Student dress must maintain personal safety and the safety of the school community. Students are not permitted to wear articles of clothing, jewelry, or accessories that indicate or suggest membership in or affiliation with any group or organization that does not support a welcoming, caring, respectful, safe, and Catholic learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging. The administrators will make this decision.

Senior High School Students:

- Senior high students are allowed to wear hats at school and with this comes the responsibility of demonstrating respect for hat etiquette. Hat etiquette is defined by when or when not to wear a hat. Hats must be removed during prayer, Land Acknowledgement, and school celebrations. In addition, when a staff member asks that hats be removed, this must be respected. There are also safety reasons for hats to be removed such as in CTF/CTS labs, science labs, during exams, etc.
- For safety reasons, during CTF/CTS, physical education or movement type of classes or activities such as dance, students must be wearing acceptable footwear and clothing as defined by the teacher specific to the activity or course. Without the proper footwear and clothing, students will not be able to participate until safe to do so which requires that they have acceptable apparel for the activity.
- For safety reasons, wearing a hood or a ski mask is **not** permitted. School personnel must be able to identify all the people easily within the building.

When standards are not met, students will be referred to the administration.

- Discussions with the student will occur. The goal is for the student to resume their normal school activities with acceptable attire.
- When standards are not met repetitively, the parents will be asked to come in for a meeting to discuss solutions for the student to resume their normal activities.
- As in the student conduct policy, if students deliberately continue to not meet the standards this will result in removal from the activity or suspension.