

## **Appropriate Dress Policy**

Our Appropriate Dress Policy is designed to support and enhance our school's Code of Conduct. At Franklin Street Public School, we believe that:

- **A reasonable standard of dress, which identifies school as a place of dignity and learning, is required at all times.**
- **The way one dresses for school is indicative of the attitude the person has towards school.**
- **Dress and language should be appropriate to a school setting where learning is the focus.**
- **There is no "one size fits all" way to approach appropriate dress. These guidelines require students and parents to exercise discretion and judgement. Staff must apply the guidelines to specific situations as they arise.**
- **An appropriate dress guideline should be gender neutral.**
- If the student's clothing is deemed inappropriate, he/she will be asked to change.
- Parents/guardians may be notified to either pick up the student or bring in a change of clothing.

The following is a guideline to assist parents and students in understanding these expectations:

1. Clothing must cover the chest, abdomen and back, as well as undergarments. (ie. Tops need to be long enough to reach the waistband of bottoms. Tops and bottoms need to cover undergarments. Opaque and transparent clothing is not appropriate.)
2. Clothing or accessories may not display images or language deemed offensive, vulgar language or images. Clothing must not advertise products which students may not legally purchase.
3. Head apparel, except for religious or medical reasons, must not be worn inside the school.

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Concerns related to this policy are dealt with on an individual basis, with the specific nature of the problem, the past behaviour of the child, and the student's age all being considered. Repeated occurrences may result in consequences under our school's Code of Conduct.