

## Dress Code

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Modesty and common sense are the main guidelines for the dress code that is in place. Schools rely upon the good judgment and support of parents/guardians in helping their children determine appropriate wear for school.

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board believes that proper dress for pupils helps to create a positive and safe Catholic learning environment consistent with the mission and values of the Board. All schools within the jurisdiction of the Board shall adopt a Local Dress Code or Uniform Dress Code. The responsibility for meeting the expectations of the Dress Code is primarily that of the parents/guardians of the students. Students may be required to have an indoor pair of shoes to wear. Shoes must have non-marking soles that will not leave marks on the gym floor. A change of clothes for physical education class is required for all students in Grades 4-8.

*All student attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings and beliefs, reflect principles of modesty, and shall not include the following:*

- short shorts/skirts, bare midriffs, halter tops, tank tops, etc.;
- accessories such as spiked bracelets/necklaces or any externals not in keeping with the spirit of the dress code, as determined by the local school; and/or
- language and/or representation on attire that indicates gang affiliation and/or depicts violence, profanity or discrimination of any kind whatsoever or that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group.

Dress codes must be consistent with all Board policies related to purchasing, health and safety, safe schools and principles of equity and inclusion.

*Dress codes must take into consideration:*

- affordability
- consequences for non-compliance with the local dress code
- safety conditions
- age of the students
- maintenance of proper decorum
- neatness and cleanliness
- students with special needs