

STANDARDS OF STUDENT DRESS

In Edmonton Catholic Schools, students are expected to dress in a manner that honors the dignity of the human person, who was 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. Students are expected to present themselves in a way that enhances the school's learning climate and respects the age range and diversity of our school community.

Students are expected to dress in a manner which is appropriate for the school day or for any school sponsored event. All students shall come to school dressed in a comfortable manner that allows them to be **authentically who they are, while also meeting the standards in this document.**

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 Holy Family Elementary/Junior High School **must** wear:

- A shirt or the equivalent (top) with opaque fabric in the front, back, and sides under the arms that is opaque or solid in color.
 - Illustrative examples of tops: t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, tank tops
- Pants or the equivalent (bottoms)
 - Illustrative examples of bottoms: jeans, leggings, sweatpants, skirts, dresses, shorts
- Activities may require specific clothing/footwear for safety or curriculum purposes
 - Phys ed, field trips, presentations, etc.
- Shoes that fit securely and do not pose risk of injury to the wearer or other people in the school
- Students must have indoor and outdoor footwear at school
- Bare feet/sock feet are not permitted either indoors or outdoors for safety reasons unless required for curricular purposes.
- Courses or activities may require specific attire for safety or curriculum purposes (i.e. CTF/CTS, PE, science labs, field trips)
- Students must wear clothing that completely covers underwear and undergarments.

Students at Holy Family Elementary/Junior High School **may** wear, as long as they are in alignment with this standard's philosophy:

- Headwear that is specifically required for cultural purposes or religious observance (i.e. hijab, yarmulke, turban, etc.) or for medical reasons in consultation directly with the principal.
- Headwear must allow the face to be visible to staff and not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff.
- Hoodies are permitted to be worn in the school and on school sponsored activities or events with the hood down to ensure visibility of the student's face and person.
- Clothing with logos or text on clothing must be positive in nature, respectful, or imply or encourage a healthy lifestyle/choice for children and youth in a Catholic school environment.

Student dress must maintain personal safety and the safety of the school community. Students at Holy Family Elementary/Junior High School **may not** 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, Catholic learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging.
- Articles of clothing that discriminate based on age, religion, gender, gender identity/expression, body type, race, ability, and socio-economic status
- Articles of clothing with words or text that depict or imply hate, violence, profanity, drugs/drug use, alcohol/alcohol use, sexual activity, or criminal activity.