



École Sydenham Community School

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DRESS CODE

A dress code helps to support a more respectful learning and teaching environment. It promotes a common ground for all in maintaining a sense of individuality while outlining reasonable expectations for staff and students.

Hats, caps, and visors may be worn in the hallways as students enter or leave the building. They must, however, be removed before entering classrooms, the office, or the gymnasium. An exception to this expectation would occur on Spirit Days, Hat Days, or activities promoted by the classroom teacher.

Clothing with inappropriate words, pictures, or graphics are not allowed. Examples of inappropriate messages that are not allowed would include, but are not restricted to:

- Advertising for alcohol or tobacco
- Promotion of drug abuse
- Profanity or inappropriate language
- Promotion of violence or violent acts
- Sexual harassment
- Any form of intolerance/racism/etc.
- Defiance of authority

Shirts/tops that cover the shoulders and are of a length that can be tucked in are acceptable apparel. Tops with straps require a strap of reasonable width (usually two finger widths). Shirts/tops that, by design, expose the midriff, are not allowed. ***Tops having “spaghetti straps” may be worn if a t-shirt is worn underneath. Low-cut tops are not appropriate for school.***

All shorts and skirts should be no shorter than mid-thigh and appropriate to a school environment.

Underclothing ***will not*** be exposed.

Beach-style foam flip-flops are unsafe at school. Birkenstock style sandals or Croc style footwear with more supportive soles are permitted. However, students who wish to be active on the school yard (running, sports, etc) should wear appropriate footwear (running shoes). A requirement for participation in Physical Education is appropriate footwear – running shoes.

Occasionally, students will forget about our dress code. Our objective when dealing with inappropriate clothing is to educate the student about more appropriate clothing suitable for a school environment. The consequences for non-compliance are as follows:

- If inappropriate clothing is worn by a student, ***a staff member*** will speak to the student, ***explain why his/her clothing is not appropriate***, and request that the student change, cover up, or, in the case of a shirt, turn the clothing inside out.
- Younger students may not be aware of the unsuitability of the clothing. In these cases, parents will be contacted.
- If a student persists in wearing inappropriate clothing, parents will be contacted.
- Persistent non-compliance may require further action by the principal or vice-principal.