

POLICY 315 STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES

The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) recognizes that a student's choice of dress can form an important part of their self-identity.

The guiding principle regarding suitable student dress is that which fosters inclusivity and respect for others. Students must not wear clothing which undermines the District's commitment to safe and inclusive learning environments. This includes:

- Clothing that depicts the use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol, cannabis, or any other age-restricted substance;
- Clothing that advocates illegal activity;
- The wearing of clothing, insignias, symbols or adornments that denigrate or depict hatred of a person or persons, including, but not limited to, clothing that denigrates or depicts hate based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, or age;
- Clothing which contains profanity, pornography, or obscene images.

When there are differences in perspective, all involved have a duty to seek common understanding in a mutually respectful manner. Ultimately, the school administration or delegate has the responsibility to apply the dress guidelines. If any person dresses in a manner that contravenes this policy, the process used to apply the guidelines will be confidential, educational, body positive, non-shaming, and non-punitive.