



Avalon School Dress Code

OCDSB Dress Code Policy is based on the expectations that schools shall be safe and respectful learning environments. Further to this expectation is our concern for each child's safety, health, comfort, cleanliness and sense of modesty.

In support of appropriate conduct within schools, the following principles shall govern standards of student dress in all schools in the OCDSB.

- Respect for learning
- Decency
- Cleanliness
- Respect for the rights and dignity of others
- Safety of persons and property
- Promotion of a drug and alcohol-free environment

All students should dress neatly and in a style that promotes learning and concentration in class. Dressing appropriately, in a manner that reflects self-pride and respect for others, helps students to develop social values and good judgment.

The following would be considered as **inappropriate** school attire:

- Sexually explicit or revealing dress
- Dress with wording or graphics that is racist, sexist, profane or demeaning to another person
- Dress with wording or graphics that advocates the consumption of alcohol, illicit drugs or violence
- Dress that is recognized by the OCDSB Safe Schools Committee to be associated with gang membership

To help create the best learning environment for everyone, these standards **must be** observed:

- Undergarments must be worn and must not be revealed
- Pants, skirts and shorts must be worn at the waist
- Shirts, blouses, and dresses must completely cover the abdomen, back and a width of 3 fingers on the shoulders (**no spaghetti straps, tank tops, halter tops**). Exceptions may be made for special activities.

- Shirts or tops must cover the tops of pants, shorts or skirts with no midriff visible
- Head apparel, except for religious or medical purposes, must not be worn inside the school building
- Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity.
- Shorts must be a respectable length and must not be shorter than the middle of the hands when the student places their arms at the sides of their body.

The school administration reserves the right to determine whether attire is within the limits of decency and modesty.

Students wearing inappropriate clothing at school will be asked:

- To change into appropriate clothing, or
- Call home to have appropriate clothing brought to school, or
- Turn the offending article of clothing inside out

The school will call the parents/guardians of students who refuse to comply with this request and may ask them to pick up their child. Persistent or blatant non-compliance by a student will result in disciplinary consequences that may include suspension from school.