

## AP 318 – Student Dress Code and School Uniforms

### Background

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This procedure outlines the district’s expectations for student dress and grooming and provides a framework through which Abbotsford public schools, with the consent and involvement of their parent communities, can develop student uniform dress codes within their schools.

### Procedures

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1. The district expects that students will demonstrate their commitment to their own education by dressing and grooming themselves in an appropriate manner for school.
2. A uniform dress code is a prescribed dress requirement for students at a particular school. The requirement can range from a specific style and/or colour, to standards for colours and/or materials that may be met within broad limits.
3. Student Dress Code
  - 3.1 The principal in consultation with staff and the parent community will establish additional guidelines for reasonable dress codes.
  - 3.2 Students are expected to adhere to standards of dress that allows for a clean and tasteful school environment. Variations to the student dress code may occur for school spirit events but these variations must be approved in advance by school administration and must adhere to safety requirements.
  - 3.3 A student’s appearance or mode of dress will not be permitted to disrupt the educational environment or threaten health or safety. In disruptive situations, students may be required to change their clothing to comply with standards. These standards include, but are not limited to:
    - grooming hair and wearing apparel that is safe for the student and others participating in any school activities.
    - avoiding attire that may cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
    - wearing appropriate footwear
    - avoiding attire that is offensive or distracting because it is extreme in style or too revealing.
    - avoiding attire that promotes the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or identifies the student with groups or gangs whose purpose is to intimidate or harass.

Note: jewelry, hats, and tattoos are considered to be attire.