



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Trinity High School Standard of Student Dress

Philosophy

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. Each school in the Division will have a Standards of Student Dress for their community. Understanding that it is not possible to list all the specific types of acceptable and unacceptable student dress, the purpose of establishing Standards of Student Dress is to empower students to make appropriate choices.

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.

Student dress must maintain personal safety and the safety of the school community. Students are not permitted to 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, and Catholic learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging.

Holy Trinity High School Student Dress Requirements and Expectations

At Holy Trinity High School, we aim to create a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment that honors our call to work together in our Catholic faith. School is a professional place of learning and work. Clothing should reflect these values and principals and as such, students must wear:

- A shirt or top with fabric in the front, back, sides, and under the arms
- Pants and or equivalent (bottoms), leggings, skirts and/or shorts.
- Appropriate shoes and footwear that adhere to courses or activities that may require specific attire for safety or curriculum purposes (ie CTF/CTS, PE, science labs, field trips).

Holy Trinity Students may wear the following items of clothing that align with the standard's philosophy, requirements, and expectations:

- Headwear that is specifically required for religious observance (i.e hijab, yarmulke, turban) or for medical reasons in consultation with the principal.
- Clothing with logos or text that are positive in nature and reflect a respectful and healthy lifestyle for all people.





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Students at Holy Trinity must not wear:

- Clothing that exposes undergarments, buttocks, and chest.
- Clothing that is offensive and discriminatory towards others based on age, religion, gender, identity, race, ability, and socio-economic status.
- Articles of clothing with words, text, or symbols that depict or imply hate, violence, profanity, drugs, alcohol, sexual activity, or criminal activity.
- Headwear including hoodies that are not required for religious observance. This is for safety of all our students. Students without headwear are easily identified, can maintain eye contact with their teachers and makes other easily visible to their teachers.

Students who do not meet the standard as outlined above, will be addressed in the following manner:

- At the first possible opportunity for a private conversation, the staff member who has identified the issue will speak to the student about the concern in a manner that respects their privacy and dignity. Care will be taken to avoid “shaming” or statements of bias.
- The student will be presented with alternative dress options that align more closely to the standard are expected to wear this for the remainder of the school day such as:
 1. Wearing another article of clothing that is in alignment with the standard
 2. Contact a parent or guardian to bring in an article of clothing that is in alignment of the standard
 3. Borrowing an article of clothing from a friend that is in alignment with the standard.

