

Stewarttown Dress Code Policy *(Approved February 2017)*

Stewarttown's Dress Code Policy is based on the Halton District School Board's Student Dress Code Policy (5000-10e) with the intention of promoting a positive learning environment to ensure our school is a safe and respectful place for learning and teaching. The dress code is in accordance with Safe Schools Act 2000 section 302-5, the Human Rights Code and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Compliance is mandatory for all students. In developing this school gender-plural dress code for students, the policy is based on the following HDSB principles:

- **Safety, Civility and Respect**
- **Self-worth and Self-Discipline**
- **Cleanliness and Hygiene**
- **Appropriateness to the Learning Environment**

Students are asked to demonstrate their commitment to a focused, respectful learning environment by ensuring:

- Hats, bandanas, or head coverings are not worn in school unless for religious reasons or documented medical reasons
- Indoor shoes are worn in an effort to maintain a high level of cleanliness in the school, particularly in the gymnasium. Footwear must be appropriate for a safe and active day.
- Student attire is appropriate for a focused learning environment and not distracting to other students.
- Clothing is safe, clean and respectful. When considering your clothing choices (e.g., shirts and hats) and accessories (e.g., jewellery, bags, phone cases and press-on nails) for school, remember:
 - No profanity
 - No suggestive sexual cartoons, drawings of violence
 - No slogans promoting the use of drugs or alcohol
 - No derogatory, gender-biased or racist comments, images or logos
 - No content deemed inappropriate for the school environment in the judgement of the Principal or Vice-Principal
 - No pants, shorts or tops that reveal undergarments or expose the midriff, chest, top or bottom cleavage and buttocks.