

Administrative Procedure 343

Students

STUDENT DRESS CODE

BACKGROUND

Standards of dress should ensure an atmosphere that recognizes and supports teaching and learning.

Consistent with Westmount's 15-year charter, we believe each student is unique with individual characteristics and needs. With this in mind, Westmount does not support a common school uniform.

The superintendent delegates to the principals the responsibility for establishing and enforcing a student dress code.

PROCEDURES

1. The principal shall develop a student dress code in consultation with campus staff and Westmount school council.
2. The dress code shall be consistent with the spirit of Westmount's 15-year charter as it applies to giftedness from the inside out, meaning we "strive to first know and honour who our students *are* before we can help them become the best they can *be*."
3. The dress code shall also be consistent with Westmount's administrative procedures, specifically AP-111 Parent/Guardian Responsibilities and AP-340 Student Code of Conduct, in particular, "Westmount's Student Code of Conduct is to be consistent with the Education Act, Charter Board Policy, the Alberta Human Rights Act, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and community values."
4. Violations of this administrative procedure will be addressed in accordance with AP-340 Student Code of Conduct, AP-350 Student Discipline, and AP-351 Suspension.

Legal Reference: *Education Act, Alberta Human Rights Act, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms,*

Cross Reference: AP-111 Parent/Guardian Responsibilities
AP-340 Student Code of Conduct
AP-350 Student Discipline
AP-351 Suspension

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