



## **Student Dress Code**

### **Rationale**

Ohpaho Secondary School (OSS) is committed to providing a welcoming, safe, and caring learning environment. As part of preparing students to be positive and contributing members of the community, we maintain standards for dress and grooming that promote respect, inclusivity, and a positive school culture.

In consultation with our Student Leadership Group, and informed by best practices across Alberta and guidance from the Alberta Human Rights Commission, our Student Dress Code balances student self-expression with clear and reasonable school expectations.

These expectations reflect attire commonly found in informal service-industry workplaces, aligning with standards present in many settings where Alberta youth are employed.

### **Student Expectations**

#### **Students are expected to wear clothing that:**

- Is respectful of the learning environment and reflects a positive sense of self within a welcoming, inclusive, safe, and healthy school community.
- Would be considered appropriate in an informal service business workplace.
- Conforms to reasonable standards of neatness, cleanliness, good taste, and health.

#### **Regardless of gender, students will:**

- Wear non-revealing clothing that fully covers the chest, back, upper midriff, buttocks, and upper thighs, including when sitting, standing, or moving.
- Avoid clothing with inappropriate slogans, images, or references that may be offensive to students, staff, or the public.
- For safety and security reasons, hoods, masks, sunglasses, or any item that obscures one's identity (unless worn for religious or approved medical reasons) shall not be worn in the school.
- Maintain personal grooming that ensures a neat and hygienic appearance.

OSS administration has the authority to require a student not meeting acceptable standards of dress and grooming to change before being re-admitted to class.