

Dress Code for an Academic Setting

The purpose of the dress code is to foster an atmosphere of mutual respect for our students, teachers, and other staff members and it shall be enforced in accordance with the principles of equity, diversity, dignity, and inclusivity. Fostering an environment of respect and safety is a top priority at St. Thomas High School.

The following guidelines comprise our dress code:

- Clothing items or accessories which depict drugs, alcohol, violence, profanity, pornography, or hateful language/messages/images targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation are not permitted.
- Tops must have opaque fabric on all sides, from armpit to armpit, and meet the waistband of the bottoms. Tops must have straps.
- Bottoms must cover the buttocks.
- Underwear must not be visible above or below the bottoms.
- Underwear, undershirts, and swimwear may not be worn as outerwear.
- Footwear must be worn at all times on school property.
- Hats/toques/bandanas/visors/hoods (except for religious headwear) are not to be worn indoors.
- Sunglasses are not acceptable while indoors.
- For security reasons, outdoor coats/jackets and bags must remain in the students' lockers during school hours. They are not to be worn in school.

Consequences for not respecting the dress code:

- Students will be sent to their cycle office and provided appropriate clothing to wear if needed.
- Unauthorized head gear will be withheld and given to the appropriate cycle office.
- Students who do not respect the dress code may be subject to one or more of the interventions listed on page 9.