

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

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**534.1  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION  
Student Dress Guidelines**

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This regulation outlines the process for schools to develop a dress guideline that must include expectations regarding school attire focusing on a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment that is educative, preventative, and restorative in practice and response.

1. It is expected that schools in collaboration with parents, teachers and students (as appropriate) will write dress guidelines that will promote and support the school learning environment.
2. A uniform dress guideline is a prescribed dress requirement for students at a particular school. The requirement can range from a specific style and/or colour, to standards for colours and/or materials that may be met within broad limits.
3. The district expects that students will demonstrate their commitment to their own education by dressing and grooming themselves in a manner that is aligned with the articulated school dress guideline.
4. A student's appearance or mode of dress will not be permitted to disrupt the educational environment or threaten health or safety. In disruptive situations, students will be required to change their clothing to comply with the dress guideline expectations.
5. Dress guidelines should outline interventions that "are appropriate" and "are restorative in nature rather than punitive" and take into consideration student age, maturity and ability.
6. Schools are expected to teach and communicate dress attire expectations through the Code of Conduct (Policy 514 and Regulation 514.1), thus enhancing personal and social responsibility, and a positive school culture.
7. Schools are expected to develop a school procedure, in consultation with students, staff and parents, that clearly communicates and reinforces dress guidelines to their school community at the start of each school year (September 30 the latest).