

## OKANAGAN MISSION SECONDARY SCHOOL **Dress Code**

## **School Dress Standards**

Decisions regarding dress standards require the careful balance of an individual's right to self-expression in harmony with the school's responsibility to the learning environment. Consideration must be given to the health, safety and welfare of the school community. Although choices regarding student attire rest primarily with the parent and student, school dress standards assist these decisions and identify consistent expectations for the school as a learning community.

To that end, the Principal with the Parent Advisory Council, offer the following guidance for our students and families:

- All members of the school community should dress in ways that are appropriate for their particular roles and show respect for themselves, for others, and for the school.
- School is a place of business, and all members of the school community are expected to wear clothing appropriate for an educational environment.
- It is not appropriate or respectful to wear clothing that:
  - o Represents or promotes alcohol or drugs
  - o Makes sexual reference
  - o Uses inappropriate language
  - o Depicts or promotes violence, racism, sexism or other discrimination
  - Is intimidating to others
  - Has brand names that relate to profanity or gangs