SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF YORK DRAFT 8/10/11

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STANDARD SCHOOL UNIFORMLY DRESSED ACADEMIC ATTIRE – 5-8 AND ALL LINDBERGH ACADEMY STUDENTS

ADOPTED:

	221.2 STANDARD SCHOOL UNIFORMLY DRESSED ACADEMIC ATTIRE - 5-8 AND ALL LINDBERGH ACADEMY STUDENTS
1. Purpose	The district seeks to constantly provide high standards of education, self-esteem and safety for all its students. As decided by the Board, the wearing of uniform school attire is integral to providing and maintaining these standards. Three (3) major reasons were provided in support of this decision: 1. Standard attire helps promote a strong school spirit. Research shows that students enjoy improved learning outcomes where a strong school spirit exists. 2. Standard attire promotes cohesion between different groups within a school thus breaking down discrimination based on financial, religious or cultural background. 3. Standard attire provides a clear identification of students within the school and community. This makes the sighting and removal of uninvited and unwelcome visitors possible.
2. Authority SC 1317.3	The Board shall require that all students in grades 5-8 and all Lindbergh Academy students wear standard school attire in accordance with this policy.
3. Guidelines	The management of school attire is based on a caring, supportive model in which students and parents/guardians are provided with information about the school attire. This information is provided by means of the principal's monthly newsletter, information displayed on the school bulletin boards, and personal letters of support to families. <u>Financial Considerations</u> It is of prime importance to the district that the building principals make parent/ guardians who face financial hardship fully aware of the support structures available to them. Each school shall work with staff, the local school community and business partners to identify resources for assisting families in need. The schools shall link

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