

# **FASPS's 2021 Halloween Costume & Candy Policies**

FASPS continues to have a campus-wide no-candy policy, which includes chocolate. If a student brings candy to campus on any day of the school year, it will immediately be thrown away. We count on our parents' support for the safety of our students with allergies, and also so that the focus stays on learning rather than sweets.

FASPS has decided to amend its Halloween costume policy again this year and allow all FASPS students (Tiny YPK – Grade 8) to wear a Halloween costume (on campus or at home) on Friday, October 29, if they so choose. All costumes must abide by the guidelines listed below, and all students who choose to wear a costume to campus must bring with them a regular set of clothes to change into.

This policy amendment is meant to lift our moods and be a fun yet unobtrusive way to enjoy each other's creativity and celebration of Halloween. Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion guides us to refrain from wearing a costume or an accessory that represents a political opinion (including candidates or media personas), that is meant to be provocative or controversial, or that reflects a stereotypical religious icon (such as witches, devils, or ghosts).

## **Student Costume Guidelines:**

1. A student whose costume does not abide by these guidelines in any way must have their costume preapproved by an administrator prior to wearing it to school (on campus or at home).
2. Students who wear a costume to school on Friday, October 29, must come to campus with a set of regular clothes that they can change into.
3. Masks and makeup should not cover students' faces in a manner that makes students unrecognizable.
4. Students' eyes must be visible at all times.
5. Costumes should not inhibit a student's ability to move around freely or participate in all educational activities throughout the day as they would normally (this includes shoe wear).
6. On-campus students must wear their regular (covid-19) face coverings as they would normally.
7. Students should not wear costumes that might frighten their younger schoolmates.
8. Hard plastic toys or facsimile guns / weapons (swords, play knives, etc.) are not allowed.
9. Nothing that promotes the use of illegal substances or activities, that is derogatory or disrespectful, or that portrays violence is allowed.
10. Costumes that are overly graphic, promote violence, or otherwise might logically be assumed to be offensive to others are not allowed.
11. Costumes that are provocative or would otherwise violate FASPS's dress code are not allowed (this includes wearing underwear as outerwear).
12. Costumes should not include items with sound effects, lights, or other elements that would disrupt the classroom learning environment.
13. Costumes should not be overly large or bulky.
14. Students must show respect to other students by not touching, defacing, or insulting other students' costumes.
15. Students must uphold FASPS's values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and not choose costumes that are insensitive or offensive to any race, religion, nationality, handicapped condition, or gender.
16. Students who wear costumes that do not conform to these costume guidelines will be asked to change their clothing or parents will be contacted to acquire an appropriate alternative.

Our Middle School Student Council will provide further details with respect to Middle School locker decorations, which should always be easily removable without ever causing temporary or long-term damage.

Thank you, and Happy Halloween!

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