

Merlinda Elementary School

Mandatory Dress Code Policy

“Dress for Success”

In accordance with Board Policy and our school’s goals, to promote high expectations of academic achievement and to make Merlinda Elementary School a positive learning climate, we are asking that you ensure that your child is wearing the following adopted dress code. **Parent support is critical** – thank you for keeping our focus on learning and education!

Please help us maintain our positive and safe learning environment by purchasing the appropriate clothing when shopping this summer.

Approved Dress Code Policy:

The approved dress code is a solid navy blue, light blue, red, or white Polo shirt/top. The Polo shirts/tops **MUST** be one of the above mentioned solid colors; that is “no strips or designs of any sort.” All bottoms **pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, jumpers** must be solid **navy blue** or **khaki or jeans**

Students may wear School logo T-shirts to school.

The following items are NOT accepted at any time:

Baggy, oversized, or sagging clothing
Open-toed shoes
Graphic T-shirts
Musical/Roller shoes
Spiked jewelry or accessories of any kind
Dangling earrings/belts
Fake tattoos
Leggings worn as pants
Ripped, cut, or torn clothing

Short shorts (shorts must extend past finger tips)
Crop tops/midriff tops/tank tops/off the shoulder
Shirts advertising tobacco, alcohol, etc.
Shirts without collars/striped shirts
Belt chains/Wallet chains
Camouflage clothing of any kind
Make up of any kind
Cologne/perfume
Face piercings of any kind

Haircuts that distract from student learning, such as Mohawks, dyed hair, initialed hair or other extreme hair styles, are strongly discouraged.

Thank you for partnering with us in keeping our focus on academic excellence!

If you need help in attaining the appropriate school clothes our school office can help! An organization called “Operation School Bell” provides two complete sets of clothes including shoes. Please contact the office at 626-931-1720 for information.

Research supports that when we are “dressed for success” either for work or school our performance level is higher. We appreciate your support of our school’s dress code policy. We look forward to a very productive year and remember our doors are always open to help you in any way we can to make sure your child succeeds. **In order to maintain our positive and safe climate the consequences for not being in the proper dress code are as follows: your child will be given two warning notes for being out of compliance. With the third offense you will be asked to bring a change of clothes to school for your student.**

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