



CMP-Carmichael 2023-2024 School Dress Code

Montessori education emphasizes the inner development of the child's mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual being. We also seek to foster positive self-image, individuality, and self-expression. With that in mind, all students are expected to wear appropriate clothing which is clean, free of rips and tears, properly fitted, non-violent and non-distracting, and free of commercialism.

"Commercialism" in this dress code is defined as: characters, symbols, or slogans referring to products, companies, movies, television shows, etc. Distracting media messages/distracting clothing and accessories are defined as: depicting derogatory comments or slogans, gruesome or violent pictures, and/or obscenities.

By limiting commercialized and distracting media on our campus, the aim is for students to positively express their individuality and creativity, while reducing the influence of commercialism in the learning environment. All children are expected to have access to and follow the dress code regardless of gender.

All Clothing: All clothing should be clean and in good condition expressing no commercialism or distracting media. Shirts made as part of a class project/field trip may be worn.

Bottoms: Pants, skirts and shorts can be any color in a solid, stripe, polka dot, tie-dye or *other pattern*. Skirts and shorts must be as long as the child's fingertips with the arms at their sides, or *no shorter than mid-thigh*. Pants, skirts and shorts should be worn at the waistline and cover all undergarments.

Tops: Shirts, blouses, and tank tops may be worn in any color in a solid, stripe, polka dot, tie-dye, camouflage, floral or other pattern. Shirts are to have *at least 3 finger width* of material on the shoulder. Spaghetti straps, halter-tops, tube-tops and any top that exposes the midriff or the back are not permitted.

Sweatshirts, Sweater and Jackets: No commercialized or distracting media, messages, logos or images. Sweatshirts hoods are to be down when in the classroom.

Dresses: Dresses must follow the dress code for tops and skirts.

Shoes/Slippers: Athletic shoes are the preferred style of shoe and may have a small logo. Also allowed are flats, oxfords or sandals with an enclosed toe and heel strap. Non-marking soles are required for gym use. Shoes/Slippers should not display any commercialized or distracting media including characters or flashing lights.

Backpacks/Book Bags/Lunch Boxes: These items should be functional for their purpose, displaying no commercialized media, messages, logos or images.

Body Adornment and Accessories: Distracting tattoos, jewelry, and makeup may not be worn. Simple jewelry may be worn. Hats are to be off when in the classroom.

Middle School Students: Students in Middle School may wear academic school logos that promote higher education. Minimal make-up is acceptable in Middle School.

*Parents volunteering on campus or on field trips are asked to also follow the school's Dress Code in order to be positive role models for our children and to model mutual respect.