



MPTCS Network Village Dress Down Day Policy

Purpose: The Dress Down Day Policy encourages a comfortable yet respectful environment where students and staff can express their individuality while maintaining an appropriate standard of appearance. This policy ensures that dress down days foster school spirit, student engagement, and a sense of community while upholding professionalism and respect for the educational environment.

Dress Down Day Guidelines:

- **General Expectations:**

- All attire must be appropriate for a school setting and should not interfere with the safety, security, or educational focus of the school.
- Clothing must be neat, clean, and in good repair, free of excessive wear, tears, or holes.
- Offensive, suggestive, or inappropriate slogans, graphics, or logos are not permitted.

- **Tops:**

- T-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts (no hoodies) are acceptable, provided they are free from offensive or inappropriate images or text.
- No strapless tops, spaghetti straps, tank, or crop tops. Shoulders must be covered.
- Midriffs must be covered at all times.
- No sheer clothing.

- **Bottoms:**

- Jeans, khakis, or casual pants are acceptable, provided they are free of holes or rips. **Bottoms must be free of holes regardless if there's no skin showing.**
- Skirts must be of an appropriate length (no shorter than mid-thigh).

- **Footwear:**

- Comfortable, closed-toe shoes are required for safety reasons. Sneakers are encouraged.
- Flip-flops, sandals without back straps, open-toe sandals, crocs, mules, slippers, or any footwear that may cause a safety concern are not allowed.

- **Accessories:**

- Hats, caps, or head coverings are not permitted inside the school building, except for religious reasons.
- All accessories must be free from offensive or inappropriate images or text.

- **Staff Dress Down:**

- Staff members participating in dress-down days should serve as role models, ensuring their attire is casual yet professional.
- Clothing should align with the standards set for students, avoiding overly casual or inappropriate attire.

Exceptions:

- Students or staff with specific religious, medical, or cultural attire needs should inform the administration if exemptions from the policy are required.

Enforcement:

- School staff and administration reserve the right to determine whether an individual's attire is inappropriate for the dress-down day. Those found in violation of the policy will be required to change into appropriate attire. Repeated violations may result in losing dress-down day privileges.

Special Considerations:

- Dress down days often correspond with school-wide activities, spirit days, or fundraising efforts. Any special theme or additional dress guidelines should be communicated in advance.