

TMS DRESS CODE

The purpose of adopting student dress code standards is not to infringe on the individual students' rights to freedom of expression, but rather to encourage all students to adhere to policies that promote a unified community, avoid any disruptions to the learning environment and provide for the safety of the students. Our focus is on learning, yet we need to make sure our students are dressed appropriately for instructional activities on campus.

All students are expected to know TMS Dress Code expectations. Parents we need your support with this, so we ask that you review the Dress Code with your student prior to shopping for school attire so that school-appropriate clothing is chosen. School clothing should be safe and appropriate for a variety of instructional or educational activities. Students should be properly/modestly dressed and should not cause undue attention or be offensive to others. Students who violate the Dress Code will meet with a school administrator and assigned appropriate consequences.

EXAMPLES OF INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

- Jeans with holes/slits in them 4" or higher above the knees
- Clothing that exposes undergarments (sagging or low cut pants, low cut tops and tops that show bra straps)
- Garments that, when standing, sitting or walking, show stomach or back (whole or partially)
- See-through clothing or garments with netting when what is underneath violates dress code
- Pajamas or slippers
- Slippers, and rubber flip-flops. Shoes must be worn at all times
- Garments with pictures, wording and/or symbols depicting the following:
 - * Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs or associated paraphernalia
 - * Sexually explicit content or numbers
 - * Lewdness or Obscenity (including nudity/nude silhouettes)
 - * Bracelets with inappropriate words or themes
 - * Violence or Weapons (brass knuckles, grenades, guns/knives)
 - * Gang affiliated
 - * Hate or Defiance
 - * Offensive Content (including foul language)
 - * SRH, Iron Cross or Nazi/neo-Nazi Symbols
- Garments that are intimidating or endanger a student
- Hair nets, do-rags or bandanas
- Hanging belts or belt buckles with inappropriate symbols or initials
- Chains, spiked earrings or clothing, or spiked accessories
- Safety pins as jewelry or accessories
- No hats or beanies allowed unless they represent TMS, or the Murrieta high schools
- Hats/Sunglasses must be removed when indoors

FEMALE SPECIFIC ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

- Tube tops/Off the shoulder tops
- Any top exposing any part of bra (including straps)
- Spaghetti straps
- Tops that expose cleavage
- Tops that expose most to all of back (single strap, razor back and halter tops)
- Skirts/shorts/skorts **MUST NOT be higher than 4" above the knee** even if leggings/tights are worn underneath.
- Torn jeans/slits cannot be worn unless tights or stretch pants are worn underneath them.
- Tights/Leggings unless covered by other appropriate clothing to cover 4" above the knee

MALE SPECIFIC ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

- Sagging pants (outer garments must be pulled up to the waistline) - no exposure of shorts or undergarments
- Tank-style shirts with large arm hole openings

No list of dress and appearance guidelines for students can be written that will anticipate all potential dress and grooming extremes. In the case of questionable dress or grooming that is not specifically covered in the list above, the administration will make the final decision. Appropriate action will be taken at that time, and when necessary, a home contact will be made seeking parental cooperation and assistance.

The administration retains the sole discretion to make the final determination whether clothing, jewelry, accessories and/or appearance meet acceptable standards. All school certificated and classified personnel shall be responsible for reporting violations of this dress code. When a dress code violation occurs, the students will be required to change into proper attire. Wearing inappropriate clothing is not accepted at TMS. Continued violations of the dress code will be considered defiance and will be referred to an administration for disciplinary action.

Administration reserves the right to determine appropriate dress code