

DRESS CODE

The school, site council, and community established a reasonable dress code that will prevent disruptions and promote an educational climate for students at Murrieta Elementary School. The school is committed to maintaining standards of dress, which will be fair to everyone while maintaining an appropriate learning atmosphere free of unnecessary distractions and interruptions. No dress code can be written that will anticipate all dress and grooming extremes. It is important to understand that some decisions will be at the discretion of the administration in any particular circumstance. Behavior of the student or group of students may be criteria upon which a decision is based. When violation of the dress code occurs, students will be required to change into appropriate attire.

STUDENTS WILL WEAR CLOTHING (INCLUDING JEWELRY, ACCESSORIES, ETC.) WHICH IS CLEAN, SAFE, HEALTHY AND ALLOWS FOR PARTICIPATING IN AN ACTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

Examples not allowed: chains of any kind (such as wallet chains) clothing or jewelry with protrusions that could be considered dangerous, unsafe, or used to cause damage or injury. Extra long or oversized earrings, false or acrylic fingernails, extreme nail polish, hair dyes or extreme hair styles, and any make-up will not be allowed.

SAFE AND HEALTHY FOOTWEAR WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

Examples of footwear: Shoes designed to stay on permanently and enclose the feet must be worn. Tennis shoes, sandals, etc. without heel straps and platform shoes are not allowed to be worn at school. Shoelaces are to be tied snugly at all times. **NO** flip-flops!

CLOTHING WILL MAINTAIN SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS OF MODESTY.

Examples of inappropriate clothing: halter tops, spaghetti straps, off-the shoulder styles, tank tops with excessively large neck or arm openings, shoulderless tops, see-through clothing, visible

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underclothing, holes above the knees, short-shorts, mini-skirts, shorts with writing across the seat, bare midriff tops, and any clothing which may or does cause a disruption to the learning environment.

CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES, AND OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS MAY BE DECORATED WITH MESSAGES, SLOGANS, LOGOS, ETC. WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL.

Examples of inappropriate messages: reference to any race, symbols of racial supremacy, references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco or any other controlled substance, reference to weapons or explosives, messages that promote tagging or other defacing or damaging activities, violent messages, sexual overtones.

CLOTHING OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH CAN BE INTIMIDATING TO OTHERS OR IS ATTRIBUTED TO GANG AFFILIATION OR PUTS THE WEARER IN DANGER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

Examples not allowed: excessively oversized shirts and pants, bagging or sagging pants, bandannas, knit caps, do rags, hair nets, items with graffiti, tagging or similar style writing.

Guidelines used to determine oversized, sagging, or bagging clothing: pants which have a waist size so large that the pants will not stay on without a belt, or shirts and sweatshirts which are more than two sizes over a student's normal size are considered oversized. Pants which are worn with the crotch at or lower than mid-thigh are considered sagging, and pant legs which can be wrapped from the outside seam around to the inside seam in the area just at the top of the knee are considered bagging

It is important to understand that some decisions regarding gang-related or inappropriate apparel will be at the discretion of the site administration. Behavior of the student or group of students may be criteria upon which a decision is based.

HATS THAT SHADE THE FACE MAY BE WORN AT MURRIETA ELEMENTARY.

Hats, beanies or hoods may only be worn when outside. Hats or beanies may not be worn indoors except for special designated days. Baseball style hats with bills forward are allowed at Murrieta Elementary.

Bicycle helmets **MUST** be worn by students riding bicycles, skateboards, and or scooters to and from school. However, they must be removed from the head and not used as a hat while on campus.

NO TATTOOS MAY BE WORN TO SCHOOL.