

Dorothy McElhinney Middle School Student Handbook

MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE

All students are expected to know MVUSD 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 should not cause undue attention or be offensive to others. The focus of school is education and students should be properly and modestly dressed. Students who violate the Dress Code will meet with a school administrator and face the consequences listed in the Discipline Matrix.

NOTE: Students who are not appropriately dressed will be brought to Student Services until someone can bring the student appropriate clothing. Our focus is on learning, and we don't want students to miss instructional time, yet we need to make sure our students are dressed for academic success.

See PE department website or syllabus for P.E. dress code guidelines.

INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE

- Clothing that exposes undergarments (sagging or low cut pants, tops that expose bras or bra straps)
- See through or sheer garments worn alone or over clothing that does not comply with the dress code
- Garments that, when standing, sitting, walking or when arms are raised, reveal midriff
- Garments with rips or tears that do not comply with the dress code. **This includes any shredded pants, shorts or skirts shorter than mid-thigh that reveal skin.**
- Pajamas, slippers, face paint, wigs, or costumes (except during Spirit Days)
- Garments with pictures, wording and/or symbols depicting the following:
 - Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs or associated paraphernalia
 - Sexually explicit content, pictures or numbers
 - Lewdness or Obscenity (including nudity or nude silhouettes)
 - Offensive Content (including foul language)
 - Hate or Defiance
 - Violence or Weapons (brass knuckles, grenades, guns/knives)
 - Iron Cross or Nazi/neo-Nazi symbols
 - Gang affiliation or living or belonging to a particular town or part of a town
- Garments that are intimidating or offensive
- Any garment that may endanger a student
- Hair nets, skull caps, or bandanas
- Hanging belts
- Belt buckles with inappropriate symbols or initials
- Chains or spiked apparel or accessories
- Safety pins as jewelry or accessories
- Bare feet are not permitted at any time. No heels over 1 inch high.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Running shoes (that tie up) are required for PE.
- Hats: Must be worn facing forward and must be removed when entering a building or classroom.
- **Duct tape, paper, etc. may not be used to cover items that do not comply with the dress code.**
- **The use of jackets or sweatshirts to conceal tops or bottoms that break the dress code is unacceptable**

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

- Bandos/Strapless/Tube tops
- Low cut tops that expose cleavage
- Tank tops that expose the torso
- Tops that expose most, to all of back (including single strap, spaghetti straps, racerback and halter tops)
Straps must be a minimum of 1 inch wide.
- Skirts/shorts/skorts **MUST BE NO SHORTER THAN MID-THIGH, even while walking**
- Leggings and yoga pants that are sheer or see through may not be worn. Leggings and yoga pants must be worn with an outer garment that fully covers a student's bottom.
- Bandanas
- Sagging pants

Administration reserves
the right to determine
appropriate length.

**ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE
'APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE'**

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