

MLMS DRESS CODE

The Middle School's dress code was established to teach grooming and hygiene habits, to instill discipline, to prevent disruptions, to avoid safety hazards, and to teach respect for authority.

General Guidelines:

1. **All** forms of headgear (hats, caps, headbands, bandanas, hoods, etc.) are not acceptable. Such items, if worn in the building, will be confiscated.
2. Sunglasses will not be worn inside any buildings or classes (including on one's head) except by written order of a physician.
3. Tattoos must be covered by clothing.
4. Bandanas and any gang related items are prohibited.
5. Male students are not allowed to wear earrings or other objects to keep pierced holes open, even if covered by a bandage or tape. All other body piercing except females' ears are prohibited.
6. Hair must be of a natural color (black, brown, blonde, red).
7. Choker collars (i.e. dog collars with spikes or studs) and spiked bracelets are prohibited.
8. Exposed chains other than small necklaces are not allowed.
9. **Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed.** It should not cover the eyes or be unnaturally painted/colored/dyed (blue, green, etc.) or styled in any way which attracts undue attention. (Ex. spiked hair in excess of 2" in length, Mohawk, hair carvings, distracting colors, etc.), no type of head covering may be worn inside the building.

SHIRTS/BLOUSES/SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS:

1. **All shirts/blouses/dresses will have sleeves. No sleeveless shirts/blouses/dresses will be allowed.**
2. **Shirts/Blouses/Sweaters/Sweatshirts will be sized appropriately.** (No more than one size larger than the student's normal clothing size.)
3. Low-cut necklines, suggestive, see-through, or revealing clothing, including bare midriffs are not acceptable.
4. Boys' shirts must be tucked in. Belts must be worn on clothing designed for belts (belt loops).
5. **Shirts/Blouses/Tops must be long enough so that the midriff is not exposed when the student's arms are raised above his/her head.**
6. Advertisements of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sexually suggestive images or words are not allowed.
7. Shirts with profanity are not allowed.
8. Dusters and long coats are **not** allowed.

PANTS/SHORTS/SKIRTS/SKORTS:

1. **Pants/Shorts/Skorts may not be more than one waist size larger than the actual waist size of the student. These garments should fit at the waist.**
2. Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Dresses will be no shorter than 5" from the knee when kneeling on the floor.
3. **Sagging is not allowed.** Pants must be worn no lower than the point of the hip.
4. No pajama bottoms or tops are to be worn.
5. Torn clothing is not allowed.
6. Belts must be worn by boys on clothing designed for belts (belt loops).

SHOES:

1. Appropriate shoes/boots are to be worn at all times. No house slippers may be worn.

Any other dress **deemed inappropriate by campus administration** will not be allowed. The dress code will be amended, if needed, as fashions change.

A student will be given the opportunity to correct a dress code violation, but if it cannot be corrected within a class period, then the student will be assigned to AEC for the remainder of the day. Repeated violations of the dress code will result in further disciplinary action.