

MMS DRESS CODE

DRESS CODE - *Student attire at McIntosh Middle School should reflect that school is where the student is engaged in “the business of learning.”* Student behavior is greatly improved when students are dressed appropriately for school. MMS has established a Dress Code that gives families flexibility in the way their child dresses. Please use good judgment when dressing for school and all school-related events.

Dress code violators will be sent to the Dress Tank (located in the clinic) to receive appropriate attire. **Students who use MMS Dress Tank attire are responsible for returning them promptly at the end of the day. Students who do not return clothing will be responsible for the cost of replacement.** Repeat dress code violators may receive additional consequences, including before or after-school detention or ISR.

Students have a RIGHT to:

- Wear **appropriate** clothes as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for school, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Learn without being offended or distracted by the way other students are dressed.

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to:

- Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.
- Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events.
- Keep accessories, hair, and skin appropriate for the school setting (see below).

*As in the world of work, clean and appropriate clothing and good personal hygiene are expected. A correlation exists between good grooming/personal attire and student achievement. A similar relationship exists between student dress and acceptable standards of conduct. Recognizing these relationships, the following dress practices **ARE REQUIRED IN SCHOOL:***

TOPS

- Clothing should not be revealing. All shirts must have sleeves and not reveal midriff or cleavage. Shirts must not be made of a sheer or see-through material. Halter tops, tube tops, tank tops, and camisoles are not allowed.
- Must cover the waist of the bottom apparel. The abdominal area and back shall not be exposed. There can be no gap, front or back, between any student’s pants and top.

BOTTOMS/PANTS/SKIRTS/SHORTS

- Must fit and be worn at the waist. **“Sagging” is NOT permitted.** Shorts, skirts, and pants must be secured at the waist/hip area and must not reveal undergarments or skin when bending, standing, sitting, moving, or raising arms.
- Must be appropriate length. Shorts, skirts, and dresses will be no shorter than the tip of the longest finger with an extended arm at the side, regardless of whether leggings are being worn.
- Pants/jeans must not drag on the floor, **have holes or frayed material above the knees**, or have frayed ends.
- Pajama bottoms or tops are **NOT** permitted.

SHOES

- Footwear must be worn at all times and be securely fastened. No bedroom slippers or slides that resemble bedroom slippers.
- Footwear must be appropriate for classroom or school activity.
- Flip flops are not recommended. MMS accepts no liability for accident or injury related to the quality of footwear.

HATS AND HEADWEAR

- Upon entering any campus building, hats and other head coverings are to be removed and stored in the student's backpack. Hats are not to be worn in any campus building during school hours. Students cannot wear any bandanas on school campus.

PIERCING

- Piercings must not protrude or have sharp points that may endanger other students.

THE FOLLOWING DRESS PRACTICES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CAMPUS:

- Any article of apparel that displays obscene words, pictures, or designs, alcohol, or tobacco
- **Pajamas & slippers**
- Boxer shorts worn as outer garments
- **Extreme, distracting, or unusual hair coloring or styles that interfere with learning.**
- Combs or picks worn in the hair
- Sunglasses in buildings
- Over-sized coats/trench coats
- Chains, spikes, or anything with raised studs, including spike earrings
- Clothing that disrupts the effective functioning of the school
- Items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs – as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990
- Items that encourage use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, or weapons, or support discrimination on the basis of color, disability, national origin, marital status, race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation
- Any manner of grooming, apparel, headwear, jewelry, accessory, notebooks, or other items that, by virtue of its color arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, are specifically identifiable as belonging to a disruptive group or gang
- Wallet chains
- Clothing that is transparent or exposes the midriff, navel, back, or excessive cleavage
- Any item that may be considered disruptive or disruptive to the educational process
- Yoga pants, exercise pants, stretch Lycra, Spandex, nylon tights, leotards, bike shorts, underwear worn as outer garments, dresses or skirts that are tight fitting ("pencil" skirts/dresses), including 'jeggings'
- Clothing that is torn, ripped, mutilated, or frayed (**pants may not have holes or frays above the knees**)
- Clothing and skin must be clean and free of student writing

In addition to the above expectations, any student whose appearance causes a disruption/distraction to the academic environment or is deemed inappropriate by the teacher will be sent to the office. ***Students will not be permitted to attend classes inappropriately dressed.***