



CMP-Carmichael 2021-2022 School Dress Code

Montessori education emphasizes the inner development of the child's mental, emotional, physical and spiritual being. As such, we seek to limit an undue focus of attention on external appearances. With that in mind, all students are expected to wear appropriate clothing which is clean, free of rips and tears, properly fitted, non-violent or distracting, and free of commercialism. We define "commercialism" as trademarked characters, symbols, or slogans referring to products, companies, movies, television shows, etc. Distracting media messages include, but are not limited to movie and television characters, derogatory comments or slogans, gruesome or violent pictures, and/or obscenities. By limiting commercialized and distracting media on our campus, the aim is for students being able to focus on learning in their environment.

All Clothing: All clothing should be clean and in good condition expressing no commercialism or distracting media. A small image or logo (less than 3"x5") may be acceptable if it can fit under one 3"x5" index card and not be seen. Shirts made as part of a class project/field trip may be worn.

Bottoms: Pants, skirts and shorts can be any color in a solid, stripe, polka dot, tie-dye, camouflage, or floral pattern. Skirts and shorts must be as long as the child's fingertips with the arms at their sides. Pants, skirts and shorts should be worn at the waistline and cover all undergarments.

Tops: Shirts, blouses, and tank tops may be worn in any color in a solid, stripe, polka dot, tie-dye, camouflage, or floral pattern. Shirts are to have at least 3 inches of material on the shoulder. Spaghetti straps, halter-tops, tube-tops and any top that exposes the midriff or the back are not permitted.

Sweatshirts, Sweater and Jackets: No commercialized or distracting media, messages, logos or images. A single logo/image is acceptable if it can fit under a 3"x5" index card.

Dresses: Dresses must follow the dress code for tops and skirts.

Shoes/Slippers: Athletic shoes are the preferred style of shoe and may have a small logo. Also allowed are flats, oxfords or sandals with an enclosed toe and heel strap. Non-marking soles are required for gym use. Shoes/Slippers should not display any commercialized or distracting media including characters or flashing lights.

Backpacks/Book Bags/Lunch Boxes: These items should be functional for their purpose, displaying no commercialized media, messages, logos or images.

Body Adornment: Distracting tattoos, jewelry, hairstyles and makeup may not be worn. Simple jewelry may be worn.

Middle School Students: Students in Middle School may wear academic school logos that promote higher education. Minimal make-up is acceptable in Middle School.

*Parents volunteering on campus or on field trips are asked to also follow the school's Dress Code in order to be positive role models for our children and to model mutual respect.