



Montessori Dress Attire/Dress Code – Elk Grove Campus

Montessori education is concerned with the inner development of the child's mental, emotional, physical and spiritual being. As such, we seek to limit undue focus of attention on external appearances. After much discussion about the relative values of uniforms and individual freedom, CMP has adopted the following middle path Dress Code. We believe that your child will be happiest when dressed in casual, comfortable clothing. Parents and students often like school uniforms because they make it easier to get dressed in the morning and they set a more academic tone at school. Each school campus will maintain clothes closets to recycle uniforms and assist families in financial need. To donate or request clothing, please contact your local CMP campus office.

In general, students are expected to wear appropriate clothing which is clean, fits properly, doesn't prevent them from participating in any school activity, and is not distracting. All clothing should be neat and in good condition, free of commercialism or distracting media messages. We define commercialism as characters, symbols, or slogans referring to products, companies, movies, video games, 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. This type of attire may be a source of distraction, cause some children to focus on externals, and may cause distress for those who are unable to afford rapidly passing fads. We believe that by limiting commercialized and distracting media on our campuses, children will feel more comfortable and able to focus on exploring their learning environment.

The following guidelines reflect CMP's general dress policies. Individual campus policy may vary slightly based upon Campus Advisory Council recommendations. Please check with your local CMP campus office for specific dress guidelines. ***Please label all personal items.***

****Kindergarteners' should bring at least one full change of clothes each school day. ****

- Bottoms:** Navy blue or khaki (no denim). Skirts and shorts must be as long as the child's fingertips with arms at their sides. Garments should be worn at the waist line and cover all undergarments.
- Tops:** White, light blue, navy blue, and burgundy shirts with collars.
- Sweater/Cardigan/Jackets:** Plain white, grey, navy blue or burgundy.
- Shoes:** For safety, all shoes should fasten securely to the foot and allow for both indoor and outdoor activity. Please save heels, thongs, backless shoes, etc. for home use. *No logos, wheels, lights, etc.*
- Slippers:** These should be simple, quiet and cozy. They may be stored at school for times when the children's shoes get wet or the children wish to remove their shoes while working in the classroom.
- Socks/Tights:** Solid Color - White, Black, Navy.

Physical Education: From first grade on up: Sneakers and plain cotton shorts, plain T-shirt or CMP school logo shirt and shorts

Hats/Caps: Solid navy, khaki, white or black; *No Logos*. Please make sure your student is aware that hats and caps are for outdoor wear only and should be stored in the student's locker, cubbie or back pack during classroom time.

Clubs: Club Uniforms (Brownies, Girl/Boy Scouts, etc.) may be worn on specific meeting days.

Body Adornment: Distracting jewelry, tattoos, hairstyles, and makeup are not permitted. Simple jewelry may be worn as long as the teachers and classmates do not find it distracting. Hair color should be limited to colors that occur naturally.

Dress Code Enforcement:

First Incident: Informal notification to parent and student.

Second Incident: Formal written notice to parent and student.

Third Incident: Student must change immediately. Parents will be contacted to deliver a change of clothes. Student will wait in the school office until parent arrives.

On free dress days students may wear their choice of tastefully selected casual clothing. Clothing must cover the torso and shoulders, and cover all undergarments. Spaghetti straps and sagging pants are not permitted.

Lost Items

To limit the number and frequency of lost items, we recommend that you LABEL EVERYTHING. In the event that a piece of clothing or other personal item is lost, there will be a lost and found box or rack in the office area. Please consult with your child's teacher or the Administrative Assistant for the exact location.

ANY CLOTHING NOT RECOVERED AFTER THIRTY DAYS WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL CHARITIES ON A REGULAR BASIS. AGAIN, PLEASE HELP US TO MINIMIZE LOST ITEMS BY LABELING ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING AND OTHER VALUED POSSESSIONS.