



California Montessori Project

CMP Capitol Campus Dress Code

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 Capitol Campus 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 the school 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 (CAC) recommendations.

PLEASE LABEL PERSONAL ITEMS

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. Students may wear leggings of a solid color but they must be worn underneath uniform skirt or shorts.

Tops: White, navy blue or burgundy shirts **with collars**. All CMP logo shirts are acceptable.

Sweaters/Cardigans/Jackets: Solid or two-toned or simple and peaceful designs. No characters/logos. Names of colleges are ok.

Shoes: Loafers, deck shoes, sneakers or sandals. For safety, all shoes should fasten securely to the foot and allow for both indoor and outdoor activity. Please save heels, flip-flops, backless shoes, etc. for home use. No wheels, lights, etc. Teachers may determine that shoes are a distraction. Appropriate shoes for P.E. days.

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. Consult with teacher first to see if your class is using slippers.

Socks/Tights: Solid color and not distracting.

Backpacks/Book Bags/Lunchboxes: solid color or two-toned, simple & peaceful designs
No characters/logos, Non-distracting

Physical Education: Appropriate shoes for running.

Hats/Caps: ***No characters/logos. All hats and caps are to be worn outside only.***

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.

Middle School ONLY: As a right of passage, the Middle School students have the option of wearing BLACK pants, shorts or skirts. This is in addition to khaki and navy blue for all other grades.

Dress Code Enforcement:

- Student must change immediately.
- Parents will be contacted to deliver a change of clothes if none are available in the clothes closet.
- Students will wait in the school office until parent arrives.

The last Friday of the month is a free dress day. Students may wear their choice of tastefully selected casual clothing on this day. Clothing must cover the torso and shoulders and cover all undergarments. Spaghetti straps and sagging pants are not permitted. Students MAY wear characters on Free Dress days, if they follow our other guidelines about the content – NO *derogatory comments or slogans, gruesome or violent pictures and/or obscenities.*