

DRESS AND GROOMING

Monticello's dress code is established to encourage respect for self and others, and to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent distraction and disruption, and to minimize safety hazards. Compliance with the dress and grooming standards helps our students to be safer, better enables them to focus on learning, and limits vain passing fads.

Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following guidelines below and do not create a disturbance or interference to the educational environment. Distracting clothing, media messages and commercial images expressed in logos or slogans are not permitted on clothing, shoes, lunchboxes, or other items.

Tops:



Solid colored POLO shirts are **required at all times**. Long or short



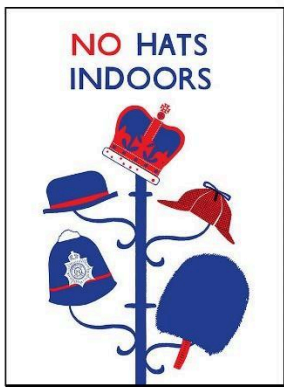
sleeved. Any solid color (no patterns) and any collar style. Shirts must be clean and have no holes, tatters, patches, commercialism or media messages. Shirts may be tucked or un-tucked, but must cover all undergarments when sitting and standing. Polo shirts with attached skirts are allowed if to fingertip length and pants no shorter than 2 inches above the knee are worn underneath.



Plain/solid color crew neck sweatshirts may be worn over polo shirts but the collar of the polo must be visible.



Plain/solid color long sleeve tees may be worn UNDER polo shirts.



Parents: Please write your child's name on all his or her items so they can be easily returned.

Bottoms:

All students, boys and girls, must wear pants due to the fact that children may do much of their work on the floor. Pants should be a solid black, khaki, or dark blue, and can be any style including jeans, stretch pants and joggers. Pants may not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. We ask that all pants be worn above the hips and must cover all underwear when sitting and standing. They must be clean, and have no holes, tatters, patches, fading, commercialism or media messages. The brand name and logo on the exposed, stitched-in tag of denim pants is acceptable at the waist line only. Joggers cannot be excessively baggy and stretch pants must not be excessively tight.

Shoes:

All shoes, snow boots, or sneakers must be free of tears or holes. No high-heels, flip flops, backless shoes, or sandals are allowed. Shoes with wheels or lights are NOT permitted. For safety, all shoes should fasten securely to the foot. Shoes or snow boots are generally for outdoor wear and must be stored during class time. Slip-on shoes are preferred for a child not able to tie shoes. Indoor shoes, clogs, Crocks, Land's End, Vans, etc. that should enclose the entire foot, have a sturdy sole and have no holes or media messages.

Socks:

For reasons of hygiene, **socks must be worn at all times.**

Hats and Jackets:

Hats and caps are only for outdoor wear. They must be stored during class time. In cold weather, students should wear warm clothing (jackets, gloves and hats) for outdoor recess. Outdoor clothing may be of any color and pattern that have no holes or inappropriate media messages.

Other:

If there is a cultural or religious problem for a student with respect to the clothing expectations, the school administrator will address this concern on a case by case basis.

Hair, Grooming and Hygiene

Hair is to be clean and neat. All students should groom their hair so that it is kept out of their eyes. No distracting hair styles or unnatural colors are acceptable. Students are to be clean and free of body odors.

Jewelry and Body Adornment

No dangling jewelry is allowed for safety reasons. Girls may wear only stud earrings. Students may wear jewelry that has religious significance to the child as long as it is not dangling and does not become a distraction to the student or to others in the classroom. Necklaces must be worn inside the shirt. No tattoos may be visible. Makeup may be worn, but not brought to school.

Dress and Grooming Standards Enforcement

A student who does not comply with the Dress and Grooming Standards must change immediately. Parents will be contacted to deliver a change of clothes while the student waits in the school office until the parent arrives.