



DRESS CODE POLICY

The following guidelines are intended to define appropriate student attire and personal grooming. We believe that students should “dress for success” and that a dress code policy helps keep our schools safe and effective.

A standard dress code helps make the campus safer and more secure. It helps students focus on learning. It sets the tone for a proper work attitude in the classroom, while reducing behavior problems and improving performance. A dress code promotes school spirit, good self-image, and school unity. Just as an athletic team uniform promotes unity and spirit, so can a school dress code. North Monterey County Middle School dress code will be strictly enforced.

Students who do not follow the dress code will need to call a parent or guardian to bring clothing that adheres to the dress code policy. If a student continues to violate the dress code policy, progressive discipline will take place, including suspension.

All of the following dress items are not allowed at school. Furthermore, the administration and staff **reserve the right** to address attire not listed below that disrupts or interferes with the learning environment of the school.

1. No visible undergarments at any time.
2. Skin may not be visible above mid-thigh (ripped jeans & shorts must follow this rule).
3. No garments that reveal a midriff or excessive amounts of bare skin. All shirt straps should be larger than three fingers wide.
4. Garments that are predominantly navy/dark blue (except denim) or garments that are predominantly solid red/maroon/burgundy are not permitted. Clothing accessories (shoes, shoelaces, jewelry, belts, etc.) may not be red or blue.
5. No gang-related items (bandanas, belts, suspenders, jewelry, hats, or other clothing/items that by its color, arrangement, trademark, or symbol denotes membership in a gang) or grooming that denotes gang activities (items that identify area codes or items with following logos: SOCAL, NORCAL, CENTRAL VALLEY, THE VILLE).
6. No chains or belt buckles with letters.
7. No sports team logos and jerseys, including local teams.
8. No obscene, vulgar, discriminatory (including race, gender, class, orientation), sexualized images of either gender, or any other inappropriate words or graphics on clothing, buttons, backpacks, binders, and/or other items.
9. No drug, alcohol, or tobacco-related logos, slogans, brand names, or references.
10. No hats, caps, head wraps, beanies, or other head apparel during the school day, unless that head apparel is part of a student’s customary religious attire. The only exception to this is official North County Middle School hats and beanies purchased from the student store.
11. Hoods are to remain off at all times during class. This includes outdoors during PE class.
12. No sleeping attire (including blankets, pajamas and slippers).
13. No sunglasses unless prescribed by a physician.
14. No open-toe shoes, sandals, or slippers. All shoes must have heel straps. All students must bring appropriate athletic shoes daily for use in Physical Education classes.
15. Administration reserves the right to make adjustments to the school dress code during the school year based on the needs of the school.