

# Dress Code

The purpose of a dress code is to ensure that learning is the primary focus of time spent at DMCS. Students will be required to adhere to this dress code. The only exceptions to the dress code will be noted on the school calendar and may include spirit days, dress-themed days or a free dress day.

## **Shirts/blouses:**

- Any solid color is acceptable. No patterns, stripes, logos or words allowed.
- Must be a collared shirt.
- Long or short sleeve is fine. Students may not wear sleeveless shirts even if they have a collar. Either a button down or polo shirt is acceptable.
- Unavoidable embroidered emblems such as an alligator or deer are acceptable as long as they are smaller than the size of a quarter.
- On Friday, students may wear a DMCS spirit shirt.

## **Pants:**

- Any solid color long pants or shorts are acceptable. This includes solid-colored denim.
- No cut off or frayed-hem shorts are allowed.
- No patterns or stripes are allowed. Identifying logos such as “Wrangler, Levi or Gap” must be limited and unobtrusive and may not be printed on the pant legs or otherwise be seen as “writing or slogans.”
- Pants should be in good condition, and not stylishly ripped, torn or frayed.
- Sweatpants are not allowed.

## **Skirts/skorts/dresses/jumpers:**

- Skirts and skorts must be mid-thigh length or worn over tights or leggings. Any solid color is acceptable.
- The material may not contain writing, slogans or embellishments.
- No prints or patterns are allowed.
- Jumpers, polo-shirt style dresses and regular dresses must be a solid color.
- Jumpers/dresses should contain no embellishments, writing, or slogans. Blouses, shirts or collars must be worn under these items must fit the above description for shirt/blouses.

## **Leggings/tights/socks:**

- Leggings and tights may not be worn alone. Leggings or tights may only be worn under a skirt, skort, dress, jumper or shorts and must be a solid color. No patterns are allowed.
- Socks must be a solid color.

## **Shoes:**

- Students may not wear shoes that light up or make noise.

- All student shoes must have a back or back strap on them. Flip flops will not be permitted.

### **Hats:**

- Students may wear hats on the playground only.
- No hats are permitted in the classroom.

### **Hair bows/headbands:**

- Students may wear hair bows and headbands to school as long as they do not distract from the learning environment.

### **Sweatshirts or sweaters worn in the classroom:**

- Sweatshirts or sweaters worn in the classroom must be solid in color.
- Only DMCS school designs will be permitted, and these will be approved by the Board and staff at the beginning of the school year.

### **Jackets/backpacks:**

- May be any style or color & are considered outerwear. They are worn outside and not in the classroom.

### **Exceptions:**

- *As indicated by IEP, the school will modify the dress code as medically warranted.*
- On Friday students are allowed to wear either clothing that is in accordance with the dress code or the official school spirit shirt with jeans, hemmed jeans shorts, a jean skirt or skort. Monday through Thursday, unless otherwise specified, students must wear clothing in accordance with the criteria outlined above.
- Please note that Friday is not a "free-dress" day and children may not come to school in attire other than that noted above. There be several "free-dress" or themed dress days throughout the year, coinciding with holidays or other school events and parents will be notified of those days in advance.
- Frequent violators of the school dress code will be asked to attend another school rather than continue to violate the DMCS dress code.
- In addition, school staff may call parents if a child comes to school dressed inappropriately and ask that the parent bring a different set of clothes for the student.

Throughout the year, for various reasons, we have found that many children from all grade levels have needed a change of clothes. We recommend you supply an extra set that can be stored in the classroom should it be needed.

### **Complaints:**

Complaints or suggestions for alteration of the dress code should be sent via email to [admin@dixonmontessori.org](mailto:admin@dixonmontessori.org). Changes to dress code policy will be considered at the discretion of the administration, and in light of how they would impact the classroom learning environment, teacher efficiency, and student safety.