

Dress Code and Grooming Standards

The dress code is an outward expression of the feelings of courtesy and respect that all members of the school community have for each other, themselves, and the school. Through it, distractions are minimized so the students are better able to focus on their education rather than on commercial, political or fashion statements. In order to establish an atmosphere conducive to learning, dress and appropriate grooming are required.

In general, all students are expected to be washed and have their hair combed. Clothes should be clean, comfortable and in good repair. All children should be dressed appropriately for the weather; a second shirt or jacket may be sent for cold or rainy days. Labels are recommended for clothing that might be removed or lost. Students always are expected to use good taste and common sense in their dress. School dress code must be followed throughout the school day until the student leaves campus.

Compliance with Dress Code and Grooming Standards

Assessment of compliance with the Dress Code and Grooming Standards will be left to the discretion of any teacher or staff member.

Students who attend school dressed or groomed inappropriately will be directed to change and will be responsible for making up all work missed while out of the classroom. If the student has no appropriate clothing to change into, the school will provide the student with a Malamalama Waldorf School t-shirt for which the student's family will be charged. The student cannot simply cover up the inappropriate attire with a jacket or sweater. Whether or not the student wears a jacket or sweater, he/she is expected to wear appropriate attire underneath. If the dress code violation cannot be resolved by changing into a Malamalama Waldorf School t-shirt, or through any other available means, the student will be sent to the office to contact and wait for his/her parents to bring appropriate attire to school for the student to change into. Continued violations will result in a Parent/Teacher Conference.

Unacceptable Attire/Grooming (General Guidelines):

- Attire printed with media/cartoon images, popular musical groups, sports teams or written messages
- Extremes in dress
- Extremes in hair style or color
- Sheer or see through clothing
- Attire that permits the exposure of the cleavage or buttocks area
- Attire that permits the exposure of undergarments
- Military fatigues or camouflaged clothing
- Attire which is turned inside-out

Specific Guidelines for Attire/Grooming (all attire should fit the student properly and should not be too short, long, loose or tight):

Boys' and Girls' Tops:

Acceptable

- Shirt lengths which overlap waistband of pants by at least two inches
- Acceptable logos or symbols less than four by two inches in size

- Tops which are solid or patterned
- Full-length t-shirts
- Full-length polo shirts
- Blouses, buttoned and aloha shirts (no more than top two buttons unfastened)
- Sleeveless tops with straps at least two inches wide with modest necklines and armholes

Unacceptable

- Shirts with inappropriate logos, symbols or images
- Shirts which expose the midriff
- Halter style tops
- Shirts that are low cut at the neck or back
- Strapless tops
- Spaghetti strap tops

Boys' and Girls' Pants and Shorts:

Acceptable

- Pants or shorts which fit well and are of a plain nature
- Shorts fist length or longer when arms are resting at sides

Unacceptable

- Pants which are ripped
- Pants which have any type of graffiti or writing on them
- Baggy pants worn at the hips or lower

Dresses and Skirts for Girls:

Acceptable

- Dresses and skirts fingertip length or longer when arms are resting at sides

Unacceptable

- Halter style dresses
- Dresses that are low cut at the neck or back
- Strapless dresses
- Spaghetti strap dresses
- Skirts or dresses with front slits

Footwear:

Acceptable

- Closed shoes, sneakers with socks or sandals with back straps (must be worn at all times on campus, unless appropriately permitted by a teacher)

Unacceptable

- Shoelaces which are untied
- Shoes with heel heights exceeding one inch
- "Heelys" or other roller type shoes on campus at anytime
- Rubber slippers or any other shoes without back straps

Jewelry and Accessories:

Acceptable

- Minimal amount of jewelry and accessories of a plain nature
- Stud type pierced earrings for boys and girls
- Earrings no more than one-inch in length for girls
- Backpacks, book bags, wallets, purses, and lunch bags of a plain nature

Unacceptable

- Oversize or extreme jewelry
- Jewelry with spikes
- Chain wallets
- Backpacks, book bags, wallets, purses, and lunch bags with media/cartoon images, popular music groups, sports teams or written messages

Cosmetics:

Acceptable

- For students Grades 5 thru 8 minimal, natural looking make-up and light colored nail polish are permitted

Unacceptable

- Make-up and nail polish for students pre-K through Grade 4

Movement Education Attire

Students are required to be properly attired to participate in M.E. class:

- M.E. attire consists of plain shorts or athletic pants, a cotton t-shirt and athletic shoes (Student may change into M.E. attire before class. Speak to your child's teacher about keeping M.E. clothing at school.)
- Long hair must be tied back
- Long earrings and other jewelry which may become entangled with another object must be removed

Violations of the M.E. dress code will be treated in the same manner as an incomplete assignment. A student will be excused from M.E. class only with a written excuse from a parent or health-care provider.