

## Monticello Montessori Public Charter School Student Dress Code Memo

A high standard of dress encourages respect for self and others, and results in high standards of behavior. Monticello Montessori's (MMCS) dress code guidelines indicate appropriate school attire for normal school days. These guidelines establish the school uniform while giving the freedom to provide from any source rather than a specific uniform manufacturer. Our goal is for students to dress and groom modestly and presentably and to not emphasize fads or popularity. MMCS reserves the right to interpret these guidelines individually and make changes during the school year. Students must abide by the Student Dress Code. Clothing must be neat, clean and free of holes, tears, patches and media images or messages. Clothing must cover the abdomen, back and buttocks both when standing and sitting. Should you have any questions about school dress requirements, including religious exceptions, please feel free to contact the administrator. Students not compliant with the Student Dress Code may wait in the office for parental assistance. For more specific information, please see the MMCS Student Handbook.

### Hair and hygiene:

Hair must be clean, neat, and kept out of the student's eyes. No unnatural hair colors are allowed. Hairstyles disruptive to the learning environment are not permitted. Students should bathe frequently, groom their hair each morning, be free of body odors, and have clean hands, face and teeth.

### Shoes and Socks:

MMCS requires students to have both indoor and outdoor shoes. Indoor shoes are kept at school except when taken home for cleaning. Both socks and shoes are required. Shoes must be secure and cover the foot. Canvas deck shoes, rubber Croc-type shoes, and tennis shoes are ideal. Indoor shoes must have sturdy soles, i.e., moccasins should have an attached rubber sole. The following are not allowed: *open toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops, high heels, wheeled shoes, lights, twinkles, action figures, large advertising logos, soft, floppy or oversized slippers*

### Shirts:

A solid-colored polo shirt in any color is required. Sleeves may be long or short. A small designer logo is acceptable. Shirts must cover all underwear when sitting and standing. Polo dresses (skirt length or with attached skirts) are allowed, but must have Pants underneath. Students may wear an official Monticello t-shirt instead of a polo shirt. The following are not permitted: *t-shirts, stripes, bright patterns, reflective materials, commercial images; media messages; profane, tobacco or alcohol verbiage,*

### Pants:

Pants are required for all students. Pants must be black, blue, or khaki. Pants may be jeans, corduroys, or trousers. Pants must ride ABOVE the hips. Belts are advised. Pants must completely cover all underwear when sitting and standing. Pants may be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Shorts that comply with the above requirements are allowed. The following are not allowed: *Leggings (not considered pants), sweat pants, athletic shorts, spandex leggings, spandex shorts.*

### Jewelry and Adornment:

Valuable jewelry should be left at home. Post-type earrings are allowed. Small necklaces of religious significance may be worn if kept inside the shirt. Makeup may be worn, but may *not be brought to school.* *No dangling or distracting jewelry is allowed.*

***Students are expected to arrive at school properly dressed. Parents share in the responsibility of ensuring that student dress complies with the Student Dress Code.***