



McSwain Elementary School

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Dress Code

Appropriate dress and good grooming contribute to a positive atmosphere and promote student safety. Students are to dress in a manner that is age appropriate and acceptable. The District, in accordance with California Education Code, Section 48907, and with the best interest of our students, school and community in mind, adopt the following school dress code. This dress code applies to all school related activities. We appreciate your support and adherence to these guidelines.

- Pants/shorts will be worn at the waist level without the need to use a belt. All belts must be worn through the loops.
- Backless, strapless, low-cut necklines, bare midriff tops, spaghetti straps, crop tops, and tube tops are considered inappropriate for school and may not be worn. Straps must be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide. All undergarments must be covered.
- Dresses and skirts should be at least mid-thigh in length. Shorts must have at least a three inch inseam. Students will be required to change if their shorts, skirts or dresses are of an inappropriate length.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. Students must have appropriate footwear for PE. Failure to do so will result in non-participation and may impact the student's grade in PE. Elementary students are encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes.
- Hats may not be altered in any way. They must be worn in a forward position and taken off when indoors. Hoods of sweatshirts will not be worn indoors.
- Clothing, accessories or jewelry with inappropriate language, pictures, inferences, or symbols which tend to mock, ridicule, provoke, demean, or display words or pictures associated with alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sex, drugs, or items associated with alcohol, tobacco, sex or drug use may not be worn at school.
- Lettering and printing will be allowed on garments as long as it is not crude, vulgar, and does not contain profanity or make reference to tobacco, drugs, alcohol, violence, gangs or is sexually suggestive, and is not a racial slur or epithet.
- Sunglasses may be worn on campus. They must be removed when indoors.
- Professional sport team and college/university apparel is allowed.
- Accessories that may cause injury such as, but not limited to, spiked jewelry, studded collars, safety pins, chains or long belts will not be allowed.

The final school-level decisions as to the suitability of dress and grooming rest with the administration. Classroom distractions resulting from dress code violations will not be tolerated. Our students are expected to dress for success every day.

Any dress, grooming or appearance which disrupts or tends to disrupt the educational process or affect the health or safety of individuals will be prohibited (EC 48900, EC35183, EC 35294.1). Any attire/paraphernalia/symbol that signifies gang affiliation will not be allowed on campus. Any attire/paraphernalia/symbol that displays a logo or other message promoting alcohol or controlled substances, promoting violence, illegal activity or relating to gangs may not be worn on campus.