
What Not to Wear



A Guide to Madison Junior High School's Dress Code Policy

2023-2024 School Year

Overview



Dear Students and Families,

At MJHS, we want to assist you with planning your student(s) wardrobe for the year. At Madison Consolidated Schools, our mission is to “Build the Future.” In order to do that, we try to minimize any distractions that may lead to the disruption of learning. This PowerPoint was created to help guide you as you begin the task of back to school shopping. Please reach out to one of our administrators if you have any questions. We are so glad to have you here and look forward to a wonderful and successful school year!

Mr. Warner

Experts agree that there are many benefits of school dress codes.



Here are some of the most important advantages:

- A dress code promotes a more serious school atmosphere which emphasizes academics and promotes good behavior.
 - Dress codes have proven to increase student achievement by encouraging students to concentrate more on their studies and less on their wardrobe. A de-emphasis on clothing can also save money, as there will be less pressure to keep up with expensive trends and fashions.
 - Dress codes in school settings reduce social conflict and peer pressure that may be associated with appearance.
 - As opposed to uniforms, dress codes still allow students to wear what they want which leaves students with a sense of choice and expression.
 - School dress codes are a way to teach students the importance of a respectable appearance which is a lesson that can positively impact their self-respect and self-esteem.
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Jeans with Holes

We understand that current fashion trends in jeans have changed over time and that jeans with holes are common. However, in order to operate a school where instruction is the emphasis, jeans with excessive holes, jeans with skin showing above the thigh, and jeans with very large holes are **NOT** acceptable for wear.



Large holes and Skin Showing

Jeans with holes above the knee with skin showing; also, the holes are too large. Holes must be fist size and no more than two.



Excessive holes and Skin Showing

Too many holes; two fists could not cover them all at one time. Also, skin is showing above the knee.



Jeans with Holes

If you are going to buy jeans with holes, please understand the following:

- No skin above the thigh should be showing. If you have two small holes or less, tights, leggings, or compression shorts/pants must be worn underneath the jeans.
- The following examples are acceptable for wear.



Hoodies and Baseball Caps



Hoodies, visors, and baseball caps are allowed at MJHS. However, hoodies and hats/caps should not be worn on the head while in the hallway. It is up to teacher discretion for these items in their classroom.



Other Unacceptable Forms of Dress



Please have your student(s) refrain from wearing any of the following.

- Bedroom slippers
- Undershirts/"Wife Beaters" (unless under a regular shirt)
- Shirts or dresses with spaghetti straps
- Half shirts or halter tops
- Sagging pants



MJHS Dress Code Policy (Copied from Student Handbook)

MJHS students in violation of the school dress code will be asked to comply before returning to class or will be given alternate clothing or be assigned to detention for until in compliance. Repeated violations of the dress code may result in disciplinary consequences. The following dress code applies to all students:

General

- a. All clothing with vulgar, racist, or suggestive slogans or advertising that promotes alcohol, tobacco, or narcotic-related products is not permitted.
- b. All clothing must be free from any gang-related identification.
- c. Nothing shall be worn that is considered detrimental to the educational atmosphere. Shirts, Tops, and Dresses
- d. All garments must cover the torso area completely when arms are extended upward (bare midriffs, fronts, sides, or backs are not allowed). Shirts, tops, and dresses must have appropriate coverage.
- e. The neckline of all garments must be appropriate for school
- f. Muscle shirts, see-through shirts, and low-cut shirts that expose cleavage are prohibited.



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Pants, Shorts, and Skirts

- a. Pants are to be worn around the waist. No sagging or low hip-hugger pants should be worn to school.
- b. Shorts, skirts, and dresses will be allowed to be worn to school if the length allows for appropriate coverage.
- c. Pants with holes, cuts, tears, frays, that expose skin, other clothing, or undergarments must allow for appropriate coverage.

Shoes and Accessories

- a. As a safety factor, appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Certain activities in school require students to wear closed-toe shoes (e.g., food lab, science lab, manufacturing lab, P.E., etc.).
- b. Sunglasses, hats, caps, and hoods are not to be worn inside the building.
- c. Chains (including billfold chains), animal collars, and any accessories with spikes are not permitted to be worn in school.
- d. Light jackets or sweatshirts are allowed. Heavy coats and blankets must be stored in the lockers.
- e. Backpacks, satchels, and drawstring bags are to be stored in lockers during the school with the exception of students going to and from PE.
- f. Earrings and other jewelry
 - i. No jewelry with spikes
 - ii. No jewelry that could be considered a danger to self or others may be worn for safety reasons.



Questions, Comments, Concerns



Please reach out to jwarner@madison.k12.in.us

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