

MENDEZ DRESS CODE POLICY

The uniform and dress code policy is a fundamental part of the contract each family signs upon enrolling at Mendez Fundamental Intermediate. This policy is in place to reinforce appropriate dress and behavior and also to reduce the cause for teasing and clothing competition among our students.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL ATTIRE

Model of dress for girls:

- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue shirts/blouses with sleeves and a collar, tucked in at the waist (not bloused)
- Navy blue, black, grey or khaki skirts, culottes, skorts, Bermudas, dresses with sleeves and a collar, jumpers, or slacks; no jeans
- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt
- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue socks (at knee or below)
- Navy blue vests are permitted when worn over a blouse/shirt

Model of dress for boys:

- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue shirts with sleeves and collar, tucked in at the waist
- Navy blue, black, grey or khaki slacks or Bermuda shorts with waistbands no higher than two inches; no jeans
- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt
- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue socks (mid-calf or below)
- Navy blue vests are permitted when worn over a shirt

General Guidelines for School Attire:

- Clothing must be free from tears, rips, holes, etc.
- Clothing should not be oversized (*must fit appropriately*).
- Pants must fit *appropriately*, cannot be oversized, and must be hemmed.
- Socks will not be pulled up to meet bottom of shorts.
- There should be no visible initials, insignias, pictures, or logos on clothing, except for Mendez school logos.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and must be enclosed. Steel toes or western-type boots are not to be worn.
- Colored or thick shoe laces, and black gloves are not permitted. Shoes and laces must be neutral in color: black, white, beige, brown, grey, navy blue or royal blue
- Hats, bandanas, hair nets, and other head gear such as beanies are not permitted. Only those students, with the approval from the principal because of medical/religious purposes, may have an exception. Hoodies worn over the head may be permitted during inclement weather.
- Hats are not to be worn indoors. No ball caps other than a school issued ball cap.
- Visible jewelry is limited to small watches, rings, necklaces, and bracelets; earrings should be a small stud or a hoop no larger than a dime. Wallet chains, and/or spiked and sharp jewelry are not allowed.
- Gang slogans and graffiti will not be allowed on backpacks or purses.
- No shirts with gang, drug, graffiti or sexual connotations including OC or SA in old English lettering.
- Jerseys or shirts with team logos are not allowed.
- No belt buckles with logos or initials (including anything related to weapons, drugs, or of a sexual nature) are allowed.

SPECIAL NOTE

As with all school rules, the dress code will be enforced and applied on the way to school, at school, on the way home, and at all school functions and events.

If students come dressed inappropriately, parents may be called to bring a change of clothes or take the students home to change. Students may need to put on PE clothes if no one at home can be reached and dress is inappropriate.

VIOLATIONS OF THE DRESS CODE WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

As fashion trends change, there may be a need to modify the dress code. When this occurs, parents will be notified in the "Parent Newsletter" or by special written announcement. Students will be notified in the Good Morning Mendez announcements.

Concerning new fad clothing and hair styles, please call the school for clarification prior to clothing purchase or hair appointment at (714) 972-7800, or bring the clothing to school for approval.

*Other attire additions or changes can occur depending on style changes, and Administrator approval.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Each time a student violates the Mendez Dress Code parents will receive a written notice from the school listing the specific infraction and consequence. Students who chose to disobey either the Uniform Policy or the Mendez Dress Code will receive one or more of the following consequences: warning, campus clean-up, detention, Saturday School.

