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# Maple Creek Composite School

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## MCCS Dress Code

Maple Creek Composite School is revising its Dress Code to update and improve their student dress code policies and enforcement processes. Student dress codes should support equitable educational access for all. Student dress codes and administrative *enforcement should not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, household income, gender identity or cultural observance.*

- All students should be able to dress comfortably for school without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- All students should understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal "distractions" without regulating individual students' clothing/self expression.
- Students should not face unnecessary barriers to school attendance.
- Reasons for conflict and inconsistent discipline should be minimized whenever possible.

### **A student dress code should accomplish several goals:**

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or body protection), dance (bare feet, tights/leotards), or PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with offensive images or language, including but not limited to, profanity, hate speech, and pornography.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with images or language depicting or advocating violence or the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion, and personal style.

## **RECOMMENDED DRESS CODE POLICY**

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and parents or guardians. MCCS is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, and that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student.

Students should be given the most choice possible in how they dress for school. Any restrictions must be necessary to support the overall educational goals of the school and must be explained within the dress code.

### **1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students**

Clothes must be worn in a way such that all private body parts are covered. All items listed in the "must wear" and "may wear" categories below must meet this basic principle.

### **2. Students Must Wear:\***

- Shirt
- Bottom: pants/sweatpants/shorts/skirt/dress/leggings
- Shoes; activity-specific shoes requirements are permitted (for example for sports)

### **3. Students May Wear:**

- Hats,(excluding classrooms during instructional time)
- Religious headwear
- Hoodie sweatshirts (over head is allowed, excluding classrooms during instructional time)
- Fitted pants, including leggings, yoga pants and "skinny jeans"
- Ripped jeans, as long as underwear is not exposed
- Tops, including spaghetti straps.

### **4. Students Cannot Wear:**

- Violent language or images.
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity) or the use of same.
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment.
- Bathing suits.
- Helmets or headgear that obscures the face (except as a religious observance)