

STUDENT ATTIRE

“Extreme styles in clothing and grooming may be detrimental to the maintenance of discipline and morale in school. The principal and his/her staff are responsible for determining and enforcing regulations governing proper dress and grooming of students. Any type of dress or grooming which is disruptive will not be permitted.”

These guidelines listed below will help you make good choices about what to wear to school so that your parents do not need to be called:

- All clothing must be worn in an appropriate and tasteful manner, and as originally intended by the designer. For example, headbands will not be worn around the neck; shirts must be buttoned so chest or T-shirts are not exposed, shoes must be fastened/tied; etc. Clothes may not be inside out or backward and must stay up/on independently.
- Extremely loose/big clothes (huge 5XL T-shirts, sagging pants) or extremely tight/small clothes (midriff-baring tops, miniskirts, short shorts, low-cut blouses/décolletage) are not permitted.
- Abusive, suggestive or profane language; symbols of illegal substances; or any other words, symbols or slogans that disrupt the learning environment may not be worn on clothing or as jewelry.
- Students are required to wear shoes at all times for health and safety reasons.

These items WILL NOT be worn at school (rules apply to both boys and girls):

- **Boys Pants** worn below the waist or showing clothing/underwear beneath the main outerwear. Pants must stay up without assistance – if you have to hold the waistband while walking to keep your pants on, your pants do not fit.
- **Girls’ “low rider” pants** that reveal skin are not acceptable.
- **Boys T-shirts** longer than mid-thigh – all shirts must be fingertip length or shorter.
- **Shorts/skirts/dresses** must be fingertip or longer in length.
- **Shirts** must completely cover the torso and do not expose the stomach. Shirts cannot be low-cut in front, back, or sides; excessively tight; see-through shirts; or fail to cover lingerie.
- **Hats** may not be worn in the building. Exception approved celebration days. Head-coverings of any other kind (bandanas, do-rags) are not allowed.
- **Jeggings/Leggings/Tights** must be worn with tops that are fingertip length or longer.

In the course of the year, MCUSD #1 may determine that new fads and modes of dress are disruptive to a safe and orderly learning environment. For example, certain accessories or styles may be gang-related or may convey nonverbal messages that are inappropriate for schools. **The dress code may be adjusted accordingly.**

Momence Jr. High keeps some garments on hand for students who wear inappropriate clothes to school. **We may have a T-shirt for you to borrow so that you will not miss classroom instruction while waiting for your parents to bring you a change of clothing.** We can’t guarantee that you will like what we have available or that we’ll have something in your size, so please dress accordingly.

