



## **CMP Dress Code – Shingle Springs Campus**

Montessori education is concerned with the inner development of the child's mental, emotional, physical and spiritual being. As such, we seek to limit an undue focus of attention on external appearances. After much discussion about the relative values of uniforms and individual freedom, CMP-Shingle Springs has adopted the following middle path Dress Code. We believe that your child will be happiest when dressed in casual, comfortable clothing.

The following Dress Code will be referring to clothing and accessories with commercialized and distracting media. We define commercialism as items displaying characters, symbols, or slogans with reference to large companies, movies, video games, television shows, etc. Inconspicuous manufacturer tags are acceptable. Distracting media includes, but is not limited to: movie and television characters, derogatory comments or slogans, gruesome or violent pictures, and/or obscenities. This type of attire may cause some children to focus on externals and cause distress for those who are unable to afford rapidly passing fads. Also this type of clothing can be a source of great discussion alternate to the focus of the child's education. By limiting commercialized and distracting media on our campus, children will feel more comfortable and able to focus on exploring and learning in their environment.

The California Montessori Project – Shingle Springs Campus has adopted the following Dress Code:

**Clothing:** All clothing should be clean and in good condition expressing no commercialism or distracting media. No commercial or distracting media is allowed, however a small image will be acceptable if it can fit under one 3x5 index card and not be seen. Shirts made as part of a class project (i.e., tie dye t-shirts) may be worn on free-logo Fridays which occur on the last Friday of each month.

**Bottoms:** Pants, skirts, and shorts can be any color in a solid, stripe or floral pattern. Skirts and shorts must be as long as the child's fingertips with arms at sides. They should be worn at the waist line and cover all undergarments.

**Tops:** Shirts, blouses, and tank tops may also be worn in any color in a solid, stripe or floral pattern. Tank top straps must cover all undergarments and must be at least two inches wide. Spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops and any top that exposes the midriff or the back are not permitted.

**Dresses:** Dresses may be worn as long as they follow the dress code for tops and skirts.

**Sweatshirts, Sweaters and Jackets:**

No commercialized and distracting media.

**Shoes:** Tennis shoes are the preferred style of shoe. Sandals and dress shoes may be worn as long as they are flat and have a back strap (no heels, platforms, clogs, and thongs). Shoes should not display any commercialized or distracting media including cartoon characters and flashing lights.

**Backpacks/lunch boxes:**

These items should be functional for their purpose and display no commercialized and distracting media.

**Physical Education:**

Shorts/sweatpants, shirts, tennis shoes and socks that abide by the dress code.

**Slippers:** Slippers should be simple, quite, clean, and cozy. They should have no commercialized and distracting media and they shouldn't take up a lot of space.

**Body Adornment:**

Distracting jewelry, tattoos, hairstyles, and makeup are not permitted. Simple jewelry may be worn as long as the teachers and other classmates do not find it distracting. Tattoos, makeup, body glitter and artificial nails are not conducive to the learning environment. Hair color should be limited to colors that occur naturally.

Our goal in implementing this Dress Code is to encourage children to dress respectfully while developing their own individuality. Discussions with the children may surface throughout the year regarding the interpretation of the Dress Code. Each class conducts class meetings where students are encouraged to discuss issues of peer pressure, social acceptance, economic value and functionality of products with their peers while developing self- confidence and supporting individuality.

**Dress Code Enforcement:**

**First incident:** Informal notification to parent and child will be provided with a CMP shirt to wear.

**Second incident:** Formal written notice to parent and child will be provided with a CMP shirt to wear.

**Third incident:** Child must change immediately. Parents will be contacted to deliver a change of clothes.