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## **CMP American River Dress Code Policy**

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Montessori education emphasizes the inner development of the child's mental, emotional, physical and spiritual being. We believe that your child will be most productive in attire that suits our educational setting.

All students are expected to wear appropriate clothing which is clean, free of rips and tears, properly fitted, non-violent or distracting, and free of commercialism. We define "commercialism" as trademarked characters, symbols, or slogans referring to products, companies, movies, television shows, etc. Distracting media messages include, but are not limited to movie and television characters, derogatory comments or slogans, gruesome or violent pictures, and/or obscenities.

In addition-

- 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. Shoes should not display any commercialized or distracting media including characters and flashing lights.
- Backpacks and lunch boxes should be functional for their purpose, preferably displaying no commercialized or distracting media.
- Any distracting jewelry, temporary tattoos, piercing and hairstyles are not permitted. Simple, non-dangling, non-distracting jewelry may be worn. Distracting make-up, body-glitter, perfume and artificial nails are not conducive to the learning environment. Hair should be limited to colors that occur naturally. Any make-up applied should be of natural colors.
- Dresses and shirts must have at least 3" of material on the shoulder. Bare midriffs, and tops with low cut necklines are not allowed.
- Pants must be worn at or above the hip point. All garments shall be sufficient to conceal underclothes.
- Shorts/Skirts must be the length of the student's fingertips.
- All clothing shall be within the bounds of decency and good taste.