



LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOLS
Northmont Campus

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SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Pupils are expected to give appropriate attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothing suitable and safe for school activities. Clothing must not present a hazard to the health or safety of pupils and staff or cause a distraction which interferes with the educational process.

Pupils shall not wear clothing that displays obscene material, libelous or slanderous statements, or consumption or use of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances. The Board of Education acknowledges gangs and gang-related activities create a clear and present danger and disrupt the orderly process necessary for education.

Each school is authorized to investigate, adopt and enforce local school rules related to the wearing of gang or gang-related clothing and articles of sun-protective clothing. During outdoor activity time, pupils are allowed to wear articles of sun-protective clothing within the guidelines set by school rules.

(LMSVSD 2016-17 Parent-Student Handbook, Dress Code/Gang –Related Apparel/Sun-Protective Clothing, Page 19-California Education Code 35183, 35183.5)

Northmont Elementary School Dress Code:

As parents and teachers, we are concerned that our children become educated, responsible citizens. We want our students to realize that our appearance and dress on campus are important and should reflect a serious learning environment. We believe that appropriate dress and good grooming contribute to a positive atmosphere.

In accordance with California Ed Code Section 48907 and in the best interest of our school and community we have set forth the following rules for appropriate dress at school and school-sponsored functions:

- Pants must be worn at the waist without showing underwear; belts must be worn through the loops.
- Backless tops, halter-tops and tops with spaghetti straps under 1" wide are not allowed.
- Clothing must cover the midriff (stomach area).
- Shorts, skirts and dresses for girls are allowed, but the length must reach mid-thigh or lower. We suggest with dresses and skirts, girls also wear appropriate attire underneath, such as stretchy shorts/bike shorts or leggings; avoid undergarments showing.
- Hairstyles and jewelry should reflect the age of our children; no dangling earrings, no make-up.* Hats or visors are worn when outside the classroom. Hats and visors must be worn with the bill forward.
- Clothing with inappropriate language including words or pictures that are associated with alcohol, tobacco products or drugs are never allowed as well as shirts with rude or sarcastic statements. Teachers and staff reserve the right to identify future trends that may be safety or gang-related and take appropriate action. If a student is in violation of the dress code, he/she will be asked to make whatever changes are necessary to comply with appropriate standard of dress. This may necessitate changing into clothes brought from home or turning a shirt or blouse inside out. The students' parent will be informed to prevent any future dress code problems.
- No flip flops, backless shoes, or high heels 1 inch or higher should be worn to school. Closed shoes are required for safety reasons.

Any modifications to one's hair, body or clothing that causes an interruption and/or distraction to the learning environment is not permitted.

We welcome any donations of clothing that your student is no long in need of. We often use these items for dress code infractions as well as accidents that occur to loan to a student. Loaned clothing is requested to be returned in clean/laundered condition. All donations and returns of clothing is done through the Health Office.