



The purpose of the Mendez Middle School dress code is to create a professional, safe, and respectful community where students can place their sole focus on learning. Students are required to follow the dress code Monday through Friday and is in effect whenever a student is on school grounds.

Parent and Staff Responsibilities

Parents have the responsibility to ensure their children arrive at school in the proper dress attire. ***Mendez Middle School will help purchase uniforms of students whose parents can demonstrate critical financial need.***

Within the school, the dress code will be enforced by the classroom teachers, staff members, and MMS administrators who will make final decisions regarding uniform issues. Cheerful, consistent compliance with our dress code policy by all is expected.

Dress Code Wear Guidance

Students are expected to be dressed neatly, be well groomed and have a general good appearance. Approved dress code clothing needs to be of appropriate size/fit, with no holes and in good repair and must be worn as intended by the policy. A student can be out of compliance for wearing non-approved items, or by wearing approved items in a manner that is sloppy, immodest, or otherwise inappropriate. ***A parent dress-code committee will be established to provide input and suggest revisions to the dress code.***

Shirts

- Shirts must be polo-style, with a collar and buttons.
- Allowed colors include navy blue, black and white.
- All shirts must be buttoned all the way except for the top button.
- All students must have shirts tucked in at all times while on campus.
- Students may wear spirit shirts (w/Mendez logo) on Fridays.

Pants/Shorts/Capris

- Pants for all students must be tan, black, or navy blue and cannot be denim or stretch material.
- Knee-length shorts are allowed. Must be tan, black or navy blue and cannot be skin-tight.
- Girls may wear capris pants in khaki, black, or navy blue.

Additional Clothing

- Students may wear tan, black, or navy blue skirts or jumpers.
- Skirts should be worn with shorts underneath.
- Students may also wear polo-style dresses. These dresses must be tan, black, or navy blue.
- Dresses and jumpers must extend to the top of the knee.
- Students may wear solid black, tan, or white tights with the jumper, skirt, or polo-style dress.



Shoes, Socks and Belts

- All shoes must be closed-toed with a heel no higher than one inch.
- No sandals, crocks, "heelines," flip-flops, or slippers are permitted.
- Socks must be solid black, tan, white, or navy blue.
- If the pants have belt loops, students must wear a belt.
- Belts must be solid black or brown with a plain buckle of gold, silver, or brass color.

Hats

- Hats or caps are not allowed on campus.
- Hats or caps will be permitted outside on school grounds during cold weather at the discretion of the administration.

Jackets, Sweaters and Sweatshirts

- Students may wear their choice of outerwear to and from school and during recess or outside transitions, but outerwear will not be worn in the building.
- Sweaters and sweater vests may be worn as part of the uniform. Sweaters and sweater vests must be solid navy blue, black, or white. A uniform shirt must be underneath sweaters and sweatshirts.

Physical Education Attire

- Every student who has physical education (6-8) will need a pair of non-marking tennis shoes for P.E. Students may also choose to dress in athletic wear for a P.E. class. Shirts can be a plain solid-color, athletic t-shirt. Sleeveless shirts or tank-tops are not permitted. Athletic shorts may be worn.

Additional Dress Guidance

- Piercings and earrings are not allowed for safety reasons. However, students may wear studs in their ears.
- Visible facial and body piercings are also not allowed.
- Gauges are not allowed.
- All other jewelry must be conservative, non-offensive, and not draw undue attention.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.

On occasion, and as scheduled by the administration, the dress code will be modified such as on class picture day, spirit day, college shirt day, or as a reward for habits of success.

Questions about the MMS dress code policy can be emailed to mendez@thirdfuture.org.