



## 2016-2017 School-wide Dress Code- TMES/TMMS/Casita:

**Please remember that the dress code applies to ALL of our students in 4-6, 6-9, 9-11 & TMMS. *TMMS students must abide by their uniform standards also.* Please read the Dress Code and familiarize yourself with it, as we will again be strictly enforcing it this year!**

The TMES/TMMS/Casita dress code is intended to create a safe, non-competitive, commercial-free school atmosphere. In addition, the student attire described will facilitate comfort and ease of movement for students while completing school assignments that can vary from outside activities to laying or sitting on the classroom floor. Student dress and grooming is to reflect high standards of personal conduct so that each student's attire promotes a positive, safe and healthy atmosphere within the school.

### Rationale

We believe that every student has genuine worth, based upon who he or she is and not merely what he or she wears. TMES/TMMS/Casita desires to create an environment in which each student can develop those innate qualities, focus on learning, develop an awareness of others, develop character and good citizenship skills, and instill respect and self-discipline. Parents are asked to exercise control and good judgment over the clothing students wear to school and to support the school's Dress Code in any decisions made with regard to clothing.

### Clothing

All clothing worn by students must be modest, free from profanity, gang symbolism, culturally insensitive images and other images, words or designs generally understood by the current society to be offensive.

- Polo shirts, collared dress shirts, V or crew neck shirts and blouses in solid colors or stripes are acceptable. **No words, images or pictures.**
- Jeans, chinos, and dress pants are recommended;
- Shorts and skirts and dresses must be no shorter than fingertips when arms are placed at sides;
- Comfortable PLAIN athletic or dress shoes with rubber soles that are comfortable for physical education and recess; **NO ROLLERS, WHISTLES, SQUEAKS OR LIGHTS. NO FLIP FLOPS. NO HEELS.**

### Dress and Grooming

- Clothing must be fitted so as to cover the student's mid-section at all times.
- A student who's clothing or appearance is a distraction to the learning environment of the classroom will be asked to change his/her clothing or appearance or the student's parent/guardian will be called to pick up the student or arrange to have a change of clothing brought to the school before the child is permitted to return to class.
- Clothing must fully conceal a student's undergarments.
- It is suggested that girls wear shorts under their skirts for recess and P.E.
- Students and their clothing should be clean and neat.
- Natural hair color – no unnatural colors (e.g. fuchsia, blue, green, etc.) Haircuts must not be distracting (no Mohawks, etc.)
- No makeup, this includes body glitter
- Earrings must be small and safe for physical activities.
- No excessive jewelry.
- No tattoos or body piercing except for pierced ears (earrings must meet guidelines)
- Hats and sunglasses are suggested to be worn outside
- It is recommended that students wear sunscreen daily.
- No spaghetti straps/straps must be at least two fingers wide.
- No words, images or pictures on clothing. **Solids and stripes only please.**
- Articles that are problematic may be confiscated by Principal or Teacher.

### Special Conditions and Exceptions

If a student has a condition that requires an exception to the TMES/TMMS/Casita dress code, please contact the School to schedule a meeting with the Principal so that an appropriate exception can be made. If a parent/guardian has a concern about the dress code or difficulty in following any of its requirements, please contact the Principal to discuss the issue. Arrangements to accommodate concerns may be made at the discretion of the Principal.

### Principal's Discretion

The responsibility to interpret and enforce the dress code/personal property policy rests with our principal.