

La Mesa Junior High School

DRESS CODE

Our dress code is in place to promote student safety and a focus on learning. The standard of dress must reflect that of a professional student. Students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. We are charged with preparing students for college and career readiness. Our dress code expectations reflect this aim. The dress code is gender neutral and La Mesa will strive to enforce it consistently among all students.

1. Clothing must fit properly.
2. Clothing must conceal undergarments, cover the torso, chest, and bottom. Shirts, tops, and dresses must have straps.
3. Clothing and accessories must be positive and safe. They must not advocate or depict prejudice, racism, drugs, alcohol, violence, pornography, or profanity. Clothing and accessories will not violate the Wm. S. Hart UHSD anti-discrimination policy.
4. Clothing must not depict or advocate gang related affiliation or activity.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes must be closed-toe and closed-back with a solid, hard sole.
6. Students may not wear clothing or accessories that obscure the face with the exception of approved religious items.

FAQ –

Question: Would a “crop top” be ok?

Answer: No, as clothing must cover the torso.

Questions: Can I wear pajama bottoms? I want to be comfortable at school.

Answer: This would not reflect a focus on learning attitude and may violate the expectation for cleanliness. While comfort is important, sleep clothing is just that...for sleeping. We do occasionally have spirit days that allow for PJ wearing as a treat.

Question: Can I wear sleeveless tops?

Answer: As long as they have a strap and do not show undergarments, yes. Some sleeveless tops are intended to be undergarments. These would not positively reflect the aim of dressing as professional students.

Consequences for not following the dress code:

- Students who are out of dress code will be changed into clean school provided clothing, doing our best to have minimal disruption to their learning. A review of the policy will occur with the student.
- Repeat violations of the dress code will result in progressive discipline.