



Elms Road Elementary School

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Dress Code Guidance

Warm weather always brings questions about what clothing is appropriate for school. When establishing a dress code we consider the following: (1) what is safe clothing, (2) what is healthy clothing, and (3) what is appropriate and not offensive to other students, staff, and parents. Here's our dress code:

- Hats are not to be worn in school but are appropriate for outside. Bandanas are also prohibited in the building, even on the girls.
- Tank tops are permitted. Spaghetti strap tank tops are not. If a student wears a spaghetti strap tank top, there should be another shirt or top underneath (if it's a tank top, it needs to have 2" wide straps).
- Tank tops are not allowed if the arm holes are gaping or large.
- Bare midriffs are not allowed ("belly shirts"). This means that a student's tummy should not be visible.
- Occasionally, a student will wear a "belly shirt" or very short shorts to school. In that case, we will offer clean clothes from our closet or call a parent to bring a change of clothes to school.
- Shorts are permissible in school. However, they should not be "short-shorts". Here's a general rule to follow: shorts should be fingertip length (when the student hangs his/her arms at his/her side, the shorts should reach the fingertips).
- Sandals are okay in school but must stay on the child's feet at all times.
- Flip-flops are discouraged. They are easily broken and leave the foot open to injury by a woodchip or pebble. If you have another option for footwear please consider it.

If you have questions, please call the office. A good rule of thumb is, "when in doubt, don't do it."

Thank you,

Dave Simonsen, Principal