

APPROPRIATE DRESS AND APPEARANCE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

At Moran, our school dress code recognizes that we are in school to learn, grow, and explore who we are. Student dress reflects the quality of the school, of one's conduct, and of one's schoolwork. The fundamentals of good taste and safety govern what students may wear to Moran Middle School. Appropriate dress for educational purposes promotes learning and diminishes disruptions to the learning community.

General Attire:

All attire must be free of indecent language, pictures or symbols that contain sexual references, messages of violence or gang allegiance, or that advertise or encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, and/or alcoholic beverages. Pajamas/lounging/pajama jeans/flannel pants and slippers are not allowed. See-through garments are not appropriate for the school setting.

Tops:

Blouses/shirts/sweaters should be constructed so that it covers the back, chest, midriff, waist, and shoulders. While sleeveless shirts are allowed *tank tops are not*. * Students are allowed to layer garments to protect the integrity of the dress code. However, all undergarments shall be completely covered.

Bottoms:

- Skirts/shorts/skorts and dresses should be mid-thigh or finger-tip length all the way around.
- All bottoms should be loose fitting and appropriately sized. No excessively tight, ripped or torn clothing please.
- All leggings/jeggings/yoga type pants must be covered with shorts or skirts that are mid-thigh or finger-tip length all the way around.
- Please do not wear any clothing that reveals undergarments.

***With safety as our primary concern, pants should be worn to stay close to the waist; undergarments shall be completely covered.*

Footwear

Safe shoes with a firm sole are to be worn at all times both in the school building and on school grounds. **For safety reasons, students must wear closed toe shoes during science lab and technology education classes.**

Accessories:

- All jewelry and accessories should follow the values and rules of the school by not having the potential to cause injury to the individual, others or the school environment or be disruptive of the education process.
- Hats/headwear must be removed upon entering the building and stored in the locker, except for religious/medical reasons or special school days.

Outdoor Garments: All outdoor garments (jackets and winter coats) will be placed in the students' locker immediately upon entering the school and will remain there for the entire school day.

General Grooming

- Hair styles should be appropriate and not distract others from learning
- Grooming is to be done only in the restrooms
- There should be no drawing on any part of the body nor adornment that draws attention to oneself in a manner that may be disruptive to the educational process
- Students are expected to be dressed at home. They should come off the bus into school dressed according to the dress code.

PE Dress Code

All students must wear navy blue basketball style shorts and a gold* or yellow tee shirt with sleeves, and sneakers. Students should **not** return to class in their PE clothes. *Gold tee shirts are available at Shirt Graphix – 198 Center St. 203-294-1656

**Please see the Moran Website for examples of what constitutes a tank top vs. a sleeveless shirt.*

The following steps will be taken when a student violates the dress code guidelines:

- If possible, the student will be given the opportunity to fix the issue and continue on with the day.
- If the student is unable or unwilling to fix the issue, he or she will be sent to the main office and counseled about the dress code guidelines. The student will be given a warning and the opportunity to change clothes and/or a parent/guardian will be called to bring appropriate clothes. We encourage students to keep an extra set of clothes in their locker to help avoid this concern.
- If a student is unwilling to change or a parent/guardian cannot bring in clothes, the student will complete his/her assigned class work in a supervised instructional space. Any classes or work missed due to the time in the office is the responsibility of the student.
- Repeated violations of the dress code will be dealt with as a disciplinary issue.

When a Moran staff member speaks to a student to correct a dress code violation, the student is expected to comply. Questions regarding interpretation may be discussed at a later time.

It is expected that students will adhere to these guidelines. When needed, the principal and assistant principal will make the final determination as to whether an individual's attire disrupts the educational process