

 Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School	<b>Dress Code Policy</b>	
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**PURPOSE:**

In an effort to help create a safe and orderly environment conducive to learning, MATES has established a mandatory dress code. Student attire has a direct effect upon the educational environment and a student’s ability to function and learn at the optimum level in the classroom. The learning environment is enhanced when social differences are minimized. This policy is designed to permit students to focus their attention on academics and on the aspects of their personality that are truly important.

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all MATES students.

**GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT:**

All MATES students are required to dress in accordance with published uniform guidelines while attending school and/or school outings.

**POLICY DETAILS:**

1. **Dress Code Guidelines** – Guidelines for acceptable student attire (“Dress Code Guidelines”) will be defined, published and available for review.
  - 1.1. The Dress Code Guidelines will identify acceptable dress attire for a) in-school attendance, b) special school outings, c) school spirit days and d) free dress days.
  - 1.2. Changes to Dress Code Guidelines will be published in advance of effective date.
  
2. **General Dress Code** – Students must wear the appropriate dress attire each day and must be neat, clean and well groomed at all times.
  - 2.1. Skirts and skorts must be the appropriate length (no shorter than fingertip length).
  - 2.2. Shirts must be no more than six (6) inches below the waist when not tucked in.
  - 2.3. Students are not to wear shoes with open toes or that have a heel or platform.
  - 2.4. Tights or knee socks may also be worn with appropriate dress code bottom.
  - 2.5. Hats are not permitted in the classroom and must be stored in a student’s backpack during instructional time.
  - 2.6. Outerwear (other than sweatshirts/sweaters identified in the Dress Code Guidelines) are permitted but must comply with other facets of the General Dress Code.
  
3. **Jewelry Guidelines** – The MATES learning environment will consist of artistic and technology lessons that will include significant hands-on activities. As such, excessive jewelry (including necklaces, bracelets, rings, etc.) should be avoided. Children may be

asked to remove such items if they interfere with the learning process or safety. MATES is not responsible for any items lost or damaged if worn to school.

4. **Special School Outings** – Students must comply with the Dress Code Guidelines related to Special School Outings when participating in school-administered events held at locations other than the MATES site.
5. **School Spirit days** – School Spirit days will be announced throughout the school year. Students must comply with the Dress Code Guidelines related to School Spirit days on those days.
6. **Free Dress days** – Free Dress days will be announced throughout the school year as they arise. Students are permitted to wear any attire that complies with the General Dress Code.

**NON-COMPLIANCE TO POLICY:**

Violations of this policy may result in the student being refused admittance to school or special school outings, provided with alternate uniform option or other remedies deemed appropriate by school administration until they comply with appropriate Dress Code Guidelines.

**GOVERNANCE:**

The MATES Executive Director and staff will be responsible for monitoring adherence to this policy.

**REVIEW CYCLE:**

The MATES Board of Directors will be responsible for reviewing this policy every two (2) years or more frequently as required.

**REVISION HISTORY:**

<u>Policy Version:</u>	<u>Effective Date:</u>	<u>Revision:</u>
SN-DCP-05182009	8/27/2009	Original Version
SN-DCP-08312009	8/31/2009	Added Section 1.3 – Uniform assistance for Economically Disadvantaged students.
SN-DCP-02082010	2/8/2010	Modify Non-Compliance section to incorporate additional options.
SN-DCP-03152010	3/15/2010	Modify Review Cycle section to modify cycle from bi-annual to every two years.
SN-DCP-04232012	4/23/2012	Updated in accordance with two year review.
SN-DCP-12162013	12/16/2013	Reviewed in accordance with review every two years. Section 2.5 “until the end of the school day” changed to “during class time”
SN-DCP-05092016	05/09/2016	Reviewed and updated in accordance with two-year review. Removed gender-based dress code requirements as well as removed the use of the Free and Reduced Price Meal application to determine economic status of students unable to afford a uniform.