

## CMS - Dress Code

The goal of the CMS Dress Code is to appropriately support the learning environment. We expect students to observe acceptable rules of appropriateness during the school day. We ask parents to support the school learning environment by monitoring what their child wears to school each day.

Students at the Cooperative Middle School must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Shirts must not expose the midriff, cleavage, back, or undergarments
  - Strapless tops are prohibited and tank tops must have a strap of at least two inches
  - Spaghetti strap tops **cannot** be worn without an outer layer
- Shorts must have at least a 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch inseam.
- Pants may have rips, but not higher than the 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch inseam.
- Skirts and dresses must be appropriate in length and fall at mid thigh.
- Clothing items that reference or glamorize alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco, profane or obscene language or violence are not permitted.
- Sleepwear items, such as pajama bottoms are not permitted.
- Slippers are not appropriate footwear for school
- Hats, caps, hoods, and other head coverings are not permitted during the school day. Exceptions are made as part of religious observance.
- Heavy winter jackets and coats are not permitted during the school day (except in rare events of cold classrooms with teacher permission).

As a school community, we ask parents to assist in monitoring the clothing that students wear to school. The enforcement of the above dress code is at the discretion/interpretation of the school staff. Students who fail to meet the expectations of appropriate attire will be asked to change their clothing or contact a parent. Repeated violations of the dress code will be directed to administration. (see Student Handbook P. 6)