

DRESS CODE

General Guidelines

Students are expected to dress appropriately for all classes and activities at My Village Learning Center. All grades/classes have the same dress code. The Dress Code Enforcement Policy is on the next page.

Pants and Shorts

- Avoid leggings and form-fitting shorts i.e. biker shorts/sports shorts made with spandex.
- Shorts must have a **minimum 4-inch inseam**, fit appropriately, and allow for free movement during sports and seated floor activities.
- Ripped jeans are permitted **only if not revealing above the knee**.

Shirts and Tops

- Tops must fully cover the midriff at all times and not become revealing at any time.
- Shirts may not be tied or altered in a way that causes them to be revealing.
- **No** spaghetti straps or tanktop-style tops permitted. Sleeveless (to the edge of the shoulder) are allowed. If your child wears a tanktop under a cardigan or sweater/sweatshirt, the cardigan or sweater/sweatshirt must stay on all day.
- Undergarments must be covered at all times.
- Low-cut or revealing tops are not permitted.
- Hooded sweatshirts are allowed; however, hoods may not be worn inside the building.
- Clothing or backpacks with scary, graphic, or inappropriate images are not permitted. Halloween costumes are not allowed at My Village.

Dresses, Skirts and Skorts

- Dresses, skirts and skorts must be **no shorter than 2 inches above the knee** and **shorts must be worn underneath dresses and skirts**.
- **No** spaghetti strapped dresses or shirts are permitted. Sleeveless (to the edge of the shoulder) are allowed. Low-cut or revealing styles are not permitted.

Footwear

- **Athletic shoes are required to be worn all day** to support frequent outdoor activities and limit time to change shoes for P.E. or recess.
- Cowboy boots, Crocs, slip-ons, or other non-athletic footwear are not permitted.
- Shin guards are highly recommended during the soccer unit (typically 6–9 weeks).
- Families should contact administration regarding sensory concerns; reasonable accommodations may be considered.

Additional Guidelines

- No heavy makeup for **K–5th grade students** (e.g., mascara, blush, foundation). Chapstick or a light colored eye shadow is acceptable.

- Strong-smelling perfume, lotions and colognes are not permitted as fragrances are a common allergen.
- Students may be required to remove their hat if it interferes with learning, affects classroom culture negatively, or conceals a student's eyes.
- All clothing should not be form fitting.

Dress Code Enforcement Policy

Our goal in enforcing the dress code is to maintain a modest and safe learning environment while minimizing disruption to the learning environment. Families are expected to review attire at home before arrival. When in doubt, families should choose the more conservative option.

1. Initial Review & Discretion

Administration and teachers reserve the right to determine whether clothing meets the spirit and letter of the dress code. Because clothing may appear appropriate while standing but become revealing during movement, final determinations will consider classroom activities (including floor seating, outdoor play, sports, and P.E.).

2. When a Violation Is Identified

A. Minor or Correctable Violations

If the violation can be corrected without leaving campus (e.g., midriff showing during movement, sleeveless shirt, overly short shorts, inappropriate graphic, etc.), the following steps will occur:

1. The student will be privately notified.
2. The student will be provided a My Village t-shirt (if applicable) to wear over the clothing.
3. The student will change immediately and return to class.

This allows the student to remain at school without interruption to instruction or requiring a parent to leave work. **Loaned shirts must be returned clean. In lieu of returning the shirt, parents may opt to keep it and pay a \$12 fee which will be on the student's account after they receive the shirt.** The fee will be waived if the shirt is returned within 7 days.

B. Footwear Violations

- If inappropriate footwear is worn and it is not noticed upon arrival, parents may be contacted to bring proper shoes and/or the student may be restricted from certain physical activities that day.

C. Significant or Repeated Violations

If a violation cannot be remedied with a t-shirt or simple correction is particularly revealing or inappropriate or becomes a repeated issue parents will be contacted and may be required to bring appropriate replacement clothing. The child may be required to wait in the office for their parent to arrive. Repeat offenses may require an in-person meeting.

4. Communication & Documentation

- Parents will be notified of dress code violations on the day it occurs by administrative staff.
- Parents will be emailed by a Director for significant or repeated violations.