

School Dress Code

The dress code of Bluffview Montessori School has been implemented for the purpose of fostering a more accepting atmosphere, free of societal prejudices and for developing a healthy self-concept for all students. Time, place and age dictate appropriate dress. Specific wear, though fashionable, may prove to be unacceptable in the school setting. Students are expected to be appropriately dressed and acceptably groomed for school at all times.

Shorts must be as long as the length of the child's fingertips when arms are hanging freely. Preferably shirts will cover the shoulders but tank tops are allowed provided the straps are 2 inches wide (about the width of 3 fingers).

Any accessory that draws undue attention to a student or poses a safety threat is not permitted. (E.g. excessive make-up, jewelry, hairstyles, unreasonable body jewelry).

Student dress should comply with reasonable standards of cleanliness and safety, be non-restrictive in movement and not disruptive to the operation of the school. Student dress should not be inappropriate or suggestive for students. (E.g. ads for alcohol, illicit or illegal drugs or tobacco, sexually explicit or demeaning statements.) Clothing that is seen as sexually, racially, religiously or morally offensive (or considered immodest or inappropriate in the opinion of the administration) must not be worn at Bluffview Montessori School. Students will be asked to remove offensive clothing and locate suitable replacements before being allowed to enter the school or return to the classroom.

No gang-related signing, insignia, colors, tattoos, paraphernalia or clothing may be communicated, worn or carried on school grounds or at school activities. Inappropriate items of dress may include but are not limited to gloves, bandanas, shoestrings, wristbands or chains of substantial length which could cause harm or are likely to cause others to feel intimidated.

Hats and other head coverings must be removed upon entering the school building and must be stored in student lockers/cubbies until dismissal. Hats/head coverings may be worn for specific instructional, safety, religious or medical reasons. Shoes and sandals worn must be safe and not make marks on the floors. *Heelys* (shoes with build-in skates) are prohibited.

Students are encouraged to wear play clothing. During the winter months, students will need a coat, boots, snow pants, mittens and a head covering. Students will go outside each day that the temperature and wind chill are above zero degrees Fahrenheit.

Children's House students are required to have a complete change of clothing, including socks and underwear. **Sandals, clogs or flip flops are not acceptable footwear** for Children's House students. Please mark your child's name on boots, coats and backpacks.

Please assist your children in selecting the proper clothing attire for the “daily” weather conditions, NOT for the weather that the present season should be dictating.