



# Uniform + Dress Code Policy

Students at Menlo Park Academy follow a uniform policy that promotes a professional and positive learning environment while providing students with ways to show their individual personality while remaining professionally dressed. Older students are also afforded additional attire options as they begin to experience more freedoms as well as responsibilities.



## Core Standards for All Grades

Core Colors = Brown, Tan, Khaki, Navy or Dark Blue, and Black (Solid Colors)

## The following items are considered acceptable for students to wear to School:

- Solid color shirts and blouses with a collar.
- Core color pants not excessively tight or excessively loose.
- Core color shorts or capri-style pants. Shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the knee.
- Core color skirts, jumpers, or polo-type dresses. Skirts and dresses must be no shorter than 3" above the knee.
- Any solid color or pattern socks, tights, or leggings. Tights and leggings can only be worn under skirts, dresses, or jumpers.
- Shoes that are close-toed and close-backed are to be worn at all times. Snow boots may be worn to school, but must be removed during school hours.
- Solid color or MPA sweaters, sweatshirts, or vests.
- Solid color turtlenecks may be worn under shirts, sweaters, or jumpers.



## Additional Items Allowed on Physical Education Days:

- MPA or solid color t-shirt.
- Black, navy blue, or grey shorts, sweatpants, athletic pants, or loose cotton pants. Shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the knee.

## Additional Items Allowed on Dress-Down Days:

- Any color pants or jeans without holes or rips.
- Tops with logos, insignia and wording, provided they don't violate Item #1 under "may not wear at any time" below.
- Attire with patterns and prints such as plaids and stripes.



## Additional Items Allowed for Students in 6th Grade and Above:

- Sweaters, sweatshirts or shirts with names of high schools or colleges.
- Sweaters or sweatshirts with names of places that student visited on School field trips
- Hooded sweatshirts are permitted within the same parameters as regular sweatshirts, but the hood cannot be worn up inside the School building.

## Students my NOT wear the following at any time:

- Clothes with written or unwritten messages that demean other people, condone improper or disrespectful behavior, or that contain references to illegal or unethical activity
- No undergarments shall be visible. See-through, sheer, see-through lace, fishnet fabrics (clothing with large holes), halter tops, tank tops, off the shoulder, low cut tops, bare midriffs, short skirts and shorts, and swimwear are prohibited.
- Leggings or yoga pants unless worn under a uniform skirt, dress, or jumper.
- Excessive size sweatshirts or sweaters may not be worn to cover up leggings in place of a skirt, dress, or jumper.
- Clothing with holes.
- Hats, caps, and hoods are not to be worn during school hours.
- Open-toed shoes, flip-flops or beach sandals.
- Clothing that does not fit.



*Final decision as to acceptability of student attire rests with the School administration.  
See also Policy 271 Student Code of Conduct.*