



LEARNER CLOTHING POLICY

1. Background

It is understood that opinions regarding what will constitute a suitable dress code will certainly differ and range between the extremes of conservatism and liberalism. These sentiments are not least rooted in personal worldviews and temperament.

To establish a baseline of the average opinion of our community, a survey was conducted regarding expectations and viewpoints on a dress code and the outcome of this survey dictated the guidelines set out in this document.

Although by no means our only priority, the main mandate of Randpark Ridge Montessori is to provide a solid academic education to our learners. Embedded in that of course would be to provide a safe environment where individuals can thrive and develop academically, physically, and emotionally. We are careful to protect the importance and prioritisation of effort and time mostly dedicated to what we view as most important. For this reason, it is imperative that some guidelines be established to provide direction and refocus attention to our main priorities.

To allow ample opportunity for learners to express themselves, the focus of this document will not be to dictate what learners should wear. It will rather exclude a minimum number of items that are not allowed, all of which were clearly indicated as inappropriate by the majority opinion.

These rules are applicable to all genders.

2. Dress Code

Hair

- Any hair colour is allowed.
- Any hair style is allowed, however, for practical reasons, hair should be tied away from the face.
- Hair should be clean.

Makeup

- No make-up is allowed with the following exceptions:
 - Learners suffering from skin problems are allowed to lightly cover blemishes.
 - Clear lip gloss is allowed.
 - Nail polish is allowed provided it appears neat and unchipped. No synthetic nails or nail applications are allowed. Excessive nail length is not permitted.

Upper body clothing

- All tops must touch the top of the skirt or pants.
- Low-cut necklines are not allowed.
- Underwear should not be visible either by being exposed or by means of transparent clothing.

Lower body clothing

- In learners from grade R and older, short length should be mid-thigh or longer.
- Underwear should not be visible either by being exposed or by means of transparent clothing.
- Tights should be worn under a skirt or dress.

Shoes

- No restrictions are placed on shoes.
- Shoes are not compulsory.