

# MATHESON'S DRESS CODE POLICY\*\*

Matheson Junior High is a place focused on learning. Proper dress prepares students to learn and supports a positive school atmosphere. To accomplish this, Matheson Junior High School dress code stipulates:

- **Appearance should not disrupt classroom activities and/or hinder fellow students' participation in class. The following are prohibited:**
  - Hats of any kind (beanies, baseball caps, visors, hoods, scarves, etc.), unless for religious or medical purposes.
  - **Backpacks, purses, book bags of any kind.** These must be kept in student lockers from 7:50-2:45 each day.
  - Clothing depicting, through words or pictures, disrespect towards any race, culture, religion or gender.
  - Clothing which advertises or depicts drugs, tobacco, alcohol or any illegal activity.
  - Clothing depicting and/or referring to vulgarity, profanity, sexual behavior, criminal activity, or violence, such as pictures of weapons or violent acts.
  - Pajamas and/or slippers.
  - Bare feet or socks only.
  - Sagging or bagging pants. Pants and shorts must be worn around the natural waist. Underwear, boxers, or shorts must not be revealed.
  - Chains of any length or size, including but not limited to neck, wallet, waist belt, etc.
  - Jewelry/ornamentation with spikes, nails, or sharp points worn either on the body or used to decorate clothing, backpacks, shoes, etc.
  - Heavy outerwear other than to and from school. All coats and heavy jackets must be stored in the students' lockers during the school day.
- **Dress should be modest, clean and safe. Standards of decency and propriety dictate. The following are prohibited at Matheson:**
  - Outer clothing which reveals underwear or bra straps.
  - Tank tops that expose the ribcage, halters, or midriffs. All tops must be at least four fingers wide on the shoulders and cover the navel as well as chest (no cleavage).
  - Shorts, skirts or dresses must be at least 2" above the knee in length.
  - Leggings may only be worn beneath skirts, dresses or shorts that are at least 2" above the knee.
- **Any clothing identified by the Metro Gang Task force is not permitted. This clothing includes the following, but is subject to change, as the Task Force updates current gang trends:**
  - Long belts of any color which are hanging from pants.
  - Lanyards, hats, bandanas, or other objects that are allowed to hang.
  - Belt buckles with monograms, initials, and/or designs including pictures.
  - Red or blue shoes with the same colored laces.
  - Clothing that is all red or blue (red shirt, pants, shoes, etc.)
  - Over-sized clothing in solid colors.

**Violation of Dress Code:** Students in violation of the Dress Code will be asked to change clothes or modify, if possible, the article(s) of clothing in question. The main office has a supply of clean t-shirts and sweat pants which students will be asked to wear if necessary. Students who use Matheson's clothing and do not return the borrowed item(s) will be charged up to \$10 per item.

*\*\* School authorities reserve the right to determine interpretation of all dress code items listed above. Dress code rules may be modified or added to at any time, as deemed necessary by school officials. Underlined items adopted by the MJHS School Community Council on **October 24, 2016.***



**NO BACKPACKS, PURSES OR BOOK BAGS OF ANY SORT ALLOWED IN CLASSROOMS. THESE ITEMS MUST REMAIN IN LOCKERS UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.**

