

## Swan River Montessori Charter School

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### Student Dress Policy

#### PURPOSE

Swan River Montessori Charter School does not want to dictate personal style but requires that students dress appropriately. This means in a manner that does not distract from the learning environment and meets health and safety requirements deemed by the director and staff. Parents need to give careful consideration and use good judgment regarding appropriate dress for their child.

#### GENERAL POLICY

Shoes: Many children prefer to do their schoolwork on the floor. To assist with keeping the classrooms clean and sanitary please adhere to the following requirements:

- All students need to have a second pair of shoes reserved for indoor classroom use only.
- Students need to have shoes for gym class when applicable.
- Students need to have weather appropriate shoes (*boots and socks for winter month versus sandals/flip flops*).

Clothing: It is the responsibility of both the parent(s) and the student to ensure the following clothing requirements are met at all times:

Any clothing or attire that is distracting is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Clothing that reveals too much skin, hats/caps, and headwear.
- Clothing must cover the belly button/stomach/mid-section, shoulders, back and chest/cleavage.
- All clothing must be weather appropriate (*shorts, tank tops, flip flops are not permitted when snowing, etc.*)
- Shirts must have no less than two inch straps on shoulder.
- Shorts, skirts, dresses must be long enough to extend beyond student's fingertips when arms are relaxed at sides.
- Undergarments must be covered at all times.
- Inappropriate and/or obscene references and/or communicated by or on clothing or attire are prohibited. This includes but not limited to the following: illegal substances, drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, sexual innuendos, abuse, discrimination, war-like depictions (tanks, guns and other weapons), or any other inappropriate topics.
- Outerwear, such as jackets or coats will be stored in student's locker.
- Wearing attire that prevents the identification of students such as masks, face paint, disguises, or grooming is prohibited.
- Young children must dress appropriately so they may use the restroom without difficulty.

Cold Weather Clothing/Winter Gear: It is the responsibility of both the parent(s) and the student to ensure all cold weather clothing/winter gear requirements are met at all times. All students participate

in outdoor activities daily throughout the winter unless the temperature reaches below -10 degrees Fahrenheit with wind chill i.e. “feels like” temperatures.

Below is a list of outdoor winter gear that are required to be at school for every student every day the temperatures fall below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. It is at the discretion of the child’s teacher and/or the School Director whether or not certain winter items are (or are not) required to be worn outside during the school day and extended care on a day-to-day basis.

Required Winter Gear:

- Snow boots
- Snow pants
- Heavy winter coat
- Gloves/mittens
- Thick winter hat that covers both ears

Optional (but encouraged!) Winter Gear:

- Scarf
- Sweater/sweatshirt (for an addition layer and/or for use indoors)
- Extra pair of socks

Swimwear: It is the responsibility of both parents and students to ensure the following swimwear requirements are met at all times.

- The use of one piece swim suits or swim shirts are encouraged.
- Long tankinis are permitted with **no more** than two inches of stomach/mid-section exposure.
- All swim bottoms must be modest. Thongs, string bikinis, etc. are not permitted.
- Male swim shorts/trunks must be long enough to extend beyond the student’s fingertips when arms are relaxed at his sides.
- Bikinis are not permitted.

All offenses or incidents where swimwear is deemed inappropriate by the School Director or staff, student will be provided with a T-shirt that must be cleaned and promptly returned to school. All incidents will be documented.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense**: Parents will be notified via email or phone call that their student has a dress code violation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**: An official letter of dress code will be sent to parents. This letter will require the parent signature acknowledging the following:

- That the second offense occurred.
- The parent(s) understands the SRMCS Dress Code in its entirety.
- The parent(s) understands the possible consequence should a third offense occur.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** The behavior will be considered insubordination and will be subject to consequences as outlined in the school's *Discipline Rubric*. When situations arise that are not specifically covered in this policy, administration will interpret the situation in light of the spirit and/or intent of this policy.

Possible disciplinary actions include but not limited to the following:

- All consequences as listed above
- Office visit
- Parent phone call
- Loss of one or more recess periods
- One or more lunch detentions
- Parent conferences
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension
- Student sent home immediately