



Little Scholars Montessori

Dress Code Policy

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Little Scholars Montessori is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment where children are recognized and supported as individuals and encouraged to grow through enriching and engaging experiences. One way we encourage this is by allowing students to choose how to dress for school each day, using guidance from parents to help make appropriate choices for weather and sensible play. It is the responsibility of Little Scholars to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning. Please help your child to learn the dress codes so that he/she can make appropriate choices when dressing for school. *Little Scholars administration may alter this dress code policy at any time throughout the school year.

General

1. Distracting outfit accessories are prohibited.
 - a. Hats, caps, hoods, and distracting headwear/headbands are prohibited inside buildings during school hours. These items can be worn when playing or working outside.
 - b. Sunglasses are prohibited inside buildings unless prescribed.
 - c. Jewelry can present a possible danger/hazard/distraction and can be lost or broken. It is not recommended to wear jewelry at school.
2. Pajamas are not permitted.
3. No aggressive and/or violent images, vulgarity, profanity or clothing that advertises drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

Tops

1. Bare midriffs, see-through garments, undergarment type shirts, bare backs, halter tops, and spaghetti straps are prohibited.
2. Sleeveless shirts must be three fingers in width and no “muscle” shirts with long cutouts in the arm are allowed.
3. Low cut or off the shoulder shirts, blouses, or dresses are not permitted.



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Bottoms

1. No spandex or brief type shorts are permitted, including running shorts or running/yoga tights.
2. Leggings are permissible as long as they are not see-through and the shirt reaches the top of thighs.
3. Skirts, dresses, and shorts may be worn in warm weather, provided they are mid-thigh in length.
4. Skirts and dresses must be worn with shorts underneath.
5. Children who are not totally toilet reliable should wear clothing that is extremely simple for them to get on or off. Loose fitting, elastic waist bottoms, or dresses are best for children who are still having 'accidents.'
 - a. Pants with buttons or clasps are not acceptable for toilet training students.

Shoes

Standard footwear including shoes, boots, athletic shoes, and sandals must be worn.

1. Skate and light up shoes will not be allowed.
2. Students that have not mastered lace tying are not permitted to wear shoes that require tying.
3. Sandals must include a strap on the back of the foot to keep the foot contained. No flip-flops or slide on shoes allowed.
4. Inside shoes must have rubber soles: Crocs, Toms, slide on shoes (similar to Vans style) or similar generic brands of these styles.

**When students are attending a school-sponsored event, student conduct and attire should follow the same guidelines documented in the LSM student handbook.*

Dress Code Violations

Students will be required to change into clothing that adheres to the LSM Dress Code when a violation occurs. If alternative, appropriate clothing is not on site, the student's parents will be contacted. If appropriate clothing is not provided within one hour the student will be sent home. Recurring dress code violations may result in dismissal from the Little Scholars program.