

## **MEMS Adolescent Program Dress Code Policy**

MEMS students and faculty members all represent Metro East Montessori School both on and off campus. The dress code is viewed as a reflection of the MEMS community. As a reflection of the MEMS community each individual is expected to dress in a manner that is not offensive, that allows movement, promotes modesty, and serves as protection from the elements. The MEMS dress code is enforceable while at school, or while in attendance of a school function.

### **Guidelines:**

All apparel, including jewelry, hats, and all forms of clothing shall not depict or reference alcohol, illicit drugs, or otherwise offensive material.

All undergarments including underwear, boxers, and bras shall not be visible. Tank tops that are not covered by a shirt shall have shoulder straps that are wider than two fingers. All pants and shorts shall be worn at the waist and shall cover any undergarments including underwear and/or boxers. Tops that are worn shall not allow cleavage to show. Tops must be worn over any strapless shirt or dress.

All shorts and skirts shall be longer than the longest fingertip when arms are placed flat at the sides.

All leggings, tights, and yoga pants shall be worn with a top that extend to cover the buttocks.

Shoes shall be worn at all times. Students may be permitted to wear slippers inside the building unless they are working in the kitchen, in the science or STEM lab, or while completing art projects. *Community members will not be permitted to walk around in bare feet or socks.*

Depending on the task, or nature of work, students may be asked by a faculty member to dress in pants, closed toed shoes, boots, etc. Students may also be asked to tie back long hair when working with food, science or STEM experiments, or while using the pottery wheel.

Any MEMS faculty members may enforce the dress code. Depending on the Dress Code infraction, a student may be asked to make an adjustment to their attire (pull up pants, wear t shirt inside out, remove offensive hat). Students may also be removed from the classroom until a parent or guardian is able to bring an appropriate change of clothing for the student. Unexcused absences will be recorded for any missed classes that may occur while the student is changing into school appropriate attire.