

Dress Code

It is our hope that when students know what is expected of them, they are better able to meet and exceed the expectations of their teachers and school administrators. We believe dress and grooming have an effect upon student attitude, attention, behavior and academic achievement. To help alleviate misunderstandings, Mata and the Shared Decision-Making Council (SDC) has approved a mode of dress. Students are expected to be in compliance with the mode of dress beginning on the first day of school.

Shirts:

- Must be solid color: red, white or navy
- Polo-style, button-front dress shirt/blouse with a collar.
- No logos are allowed
- T-shirts may be worn underneath shirts, but must be red, white or navy blue
- All shirts must be tucked in

Pants/Shorts/Skirts:

- Must be solid color: navy or khaki tan
- Must fit at the waist, must not be baggy or dragging the floor
- A belt must be worn if there are belt loops: No military fabric, large name, marquee, skull, studded or large metal buckles allowed.
- Must not be frayed at the bottom or cut offs
- Must not be shorter than 2" above the knee in front or 3" in back
- Jumpers, cargo pants and overalls are not acceptable
- No jeans except on spirit day with a Mata t-shirt or college days with a college/university t-shirt.
- Only western style jeans on spirit days: no carpenter, wide leg, cut offs, acid washed, **glitter, painted or embroidered** jeans are allowed

Other:

- Visible body piercing jewelry other than earrings in girl's ears will not be allowed.
- All jackets and coats must be stored in closets. Students will be permitted to wear solid colored sweatshirts or sweater (red, navy, gray or white: no logos and no hoods).
- Make up, distracting hair colorings or boys' earrings are strictly prohibited.
- Symbols, numbers, letters, designs, Mohawks or patches may not be shaved or cut into the hair, hairline, or eyebrows.
- Tattoos are to be covered prior to coming on school grounds.
- Any accessory that depicts or suggests association with a gang must not be brought to school, (i.e.: bandanas, boys' beaded necklaces, colored shoelaces, wrist bands).
- Backpacks and purses must be stored in the closet. Girls will be allowed to get necessary items from their purses, if the need arises.
- Shoes must be tied and Velcro properly affixed.

All clothing items for school are to be the appropriate size for the student. Baggy and over-sized clothing and shoelaces other than those with shoes when purchased will **NOT** be allowed. When time permits, a phone call may be made to parents to provide a change of clothing for students in violation of mode of dress. (See district handbook for other details.)