



Main Street Middle School

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Trojan Tradition: A Community of Pride and Excellence

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Soledad Unified School District adopted a new board policy on Dress Code Board and Administrative Guidelines in July, 2019 and an Annual District Parent Notification booklet that contains dress code guidelines is mailed home to families.

Main Street Middle School will promote positive school pride with College and Career Days, Spirit Week and other special events to invite students to dress for school spirit. Dress Code includes:

- Clean clothing, not ripped, with full coverage of body parts
- Covered, closed toe shoes
- Hood free in classrooms and outdoors on warm days; the school will make available Main Street Middle School baseball caps for students to purchase with their Trojan tickets
- PE gym clothes will be purchased to wear for PE classes

The following Dress Code Guidelines shall apply to all school activities to ensure student safety.

Dress Code: The dress code is devoted to communicate what is and what is not considered appropriated or disruptive. Dress on school grounds includes all classrooms, restrooms, on buses, blacktop, courtyard, cafeteria, parking lot, grass areas, and side-walks that surround the school ground. Clothes, and other items which are considered inappropriate and distracting, are listed below:

- Footwear should be appropriate for normal activities, the following are examples, however are not limited to:
 - Covered, closed toe shoes shall be worn.
 - Shoes must have heel straps.
 - Flip-flops, bedroom slippers and steel toe shoes are prohibited.
 - High heels must not exceed 2" in height and the base of the heel must not be less than half-inch wide.
 - Bare feet and sliders are not permitted.
- Pants must fit and be worn at the natural waste line at all times. Sagging pants (pants sagging below the waist) and ripped pants are prohibited. Oversized baggy/saggy pants and leggings under ripped pants are not permitted.
- All athletic and school related Main Street Middle School apparel are approved for school sanctioned events. School sanctioned events include, but not limited to College & Career Days, Red Ribbon Week, Spirit Week, Holidays, Athletics, etc.
- Excessive wearing of any one color, especially but not limited to red (any gang related apparel) clothing, shoelaces, and shoes is not allowed. As a general rule, solid red articles of clothing are not to be worn. If the article of clothing has the color red it shall not be more than 50%, with the exception of Main Street Trojan school gear. College and Career Days, Spirit Week and other events will be planned throughout the school year.
- Shirts or pants exposing the midriff (shirts must be long for students to raise their hands without exposing midriff), bras or cleavage: tube tops, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, backless, crop-tops, mesh tops, sheer fabric that exposes, muscle shirts, low-cut shirts or low-cut pants are prohibited.
- Plain white collarless tee shirts are prohibited (undershirt or facsimile). All other shirts are not allowed to hang longer than the tip of the fingers with arms hanging naturally at the sides.

- In appropriate pants/shorts (holes, rips) or skirts are not permitted. (Skirts/shorts length: if you place your hands directly on the side of your body, the pair of shorts or skirt should be no shorter than the end of your fingertips.
- Professional team apparel of any sport cannot be worn. Only Soledad Unified School District teams and community sponsored league apparel are allowed. The Principal or designee may allow collegiate apparel on specific occasions to support school spirit/pride.
- Clothing containing offensive messages is prohibited. Writing, pictures of any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, sexually suggestive or which advocate racial, ethnic, religious prejudice or the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence.
- Clothing that may be construed to have a “double meaning” are not permitted. Example: Hooters Pimp, Hustler, Playboy Bunny, Cookies, North Star etc. Apparel with emblems, printing, or offensive pictures etc. that creates animosity between groups and/or individuals are prohibited.
- All clothes are to be worn properly on the body. Draping or closing over the shoulder or anywhere else on the body is not permitted
- Pajamas/sleepwear, sweats, lingerie, yoga pants, are not permitted.
- Gym or athletic shorts may only be worn in physical education class.
- Bandanas, wave caps, do-rags, headbands, baseball caps, beanies – are not permitted on campus. Cold-weather beanie caps may be worn outside during inclement weather, and never inside the classroom.
- Hoods need to be off during non-inclement weather, and must be off beginning the first bell at 8:00 a.m. Hoods may not be worn in the classroom at any time. The only authorized head covers to be worn outdoors are district sponsored apparel (MSMS insignia, SUSD, NJROTC, etc.)
- Caps must be worn straight on the head with cap bill pointed to the front. Head covers shall not be worn indoors. Consideration will be given to head covers required by religion requirements and other appropriate circumstances.
- Non-prescription sunglasses are not permitted indoors.
- Long chains of any type are not permitted.
- Inappropriate jewelry and/or other inappropriate and distracting items are not permitted.
- Body writing or writing on clothes is not permitted.
- Bedding such as blankets worn as wrap are not permitted.
- Webbed belts or initial clasped belt buckles (cloth colored belts) are prohibited, except NJROTC uniform belts.
- Clothing articles including, but not limited to, gloves, cut-off pants with knee high socks, unstrapped bib overalls, multi-colored shoe strings, wristbands, hair nets, excessively long belts, “in Memory of...” shirts, or any other clothing or accessories which are commonly recognized as being related to a group or gang which promotes others to act violently or be intimidated by fear of violence shall not be worn on campus or any school activity.
- Clothing, jewelry, tattoos and personal items (backpacks, notebooks, fanny packs, gym bags, purses, wallets, etc.) shall be free of inappropriate graffiti or tagging, writing, picture of dice, guns, knives, swastikas, professional sports teams, weapons, marijuana leaves or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, sexually or violence suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likeness, or which advocated racial, ethnic, gender orientation, or religious prejudice are not allowed.
- Insignias of non-school sponsored school organizations that may be associated with gang activities or any other illegal activities will not be permitted, including huelga bird, and backwoods next to scar face and as other identified concerns are identified. Parents and students will be contacted.
- If a student shave eyebrows, but not limited to, stripes, shapes, etc. the student cannot come to school until eyebrow is less visible (1-3 days). The principal or designee shall send information about how to deal with the eyebrow issue to the parents/guardians as needed in order to have the student return to school as soon as possible. Staff shall make every effort to maintain the privacy of students identified as having shave eyebrows and excluded for treatment.