

World Learner School



Policy: **412 STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY**

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I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to clarify expectations of the World Learner School with regard to appropriate student dress during school hours or during school-sponsored activities. The policy exists to promote an environment that encourages learning without distraction.

II. General Statement of Policy:

The World Learner School encourages individuality in its students. Clothing is one way in which students express this individuality. The policy does not interfere with a student's right to express political, religious, philosophical or similar opinions in words on garments they wear to the World Learner School.

However there are exceptions based on the following:

- Clothing that materially and substantially interferes with schoolwork or discipline.
- Clothing that is not opaque and exposes genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples.
- Clothing that provides a consistent distraction to students.
- Clothing that causes other students to feel uncomfortable, threatened or afraid.
- Clothing with inappropriate messages of a racial, sexual or lewd nature, or other wording that is "wholly inconsistent with the fundamental values" of public schools.
- Clothing that does not meet state requirements for health and safety (for example - State law requires that shoes must be worn in public buildings)
- Clothing worn inappropriately

Off-site

The World Learner School dress code extends to school-sponsored activities off the school premises.

Swimwear is restricted to "Tankinis" or a single piece suit for female students and swimming shorts for male students. Bikinis and Speedo-style trunks are not permitted.

Classroom teachers will enforce the policy. The Director will arbitrate any dispute. Students violating the dress code will be asked to either fix the problem or return home and change.

III. References

Bethel School District v Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986)

Hazelwood School District v Kuhlmeir, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)

Tinker v Des Moines Independent Community School District, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)

Evanston Illinois Student and Family Handbook

Swan River Montessori Charter School Student Dress Policy (reviewed 10.25.17)

Minnetonka Public School Student Dress and Grooming Code #504