

MASSEY-VANIER HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

PHILOSOPHY:

Our dress code is an important part of creating a positive atmosphere that reflects Massey-Vanier's guiding principles: positivity, respect, integrity, determination and effort. We support body positivity and gender neutrality. We believe in impartiality, inclusivity, and individuality. Our community believes that a dress code encourages a safe environment where individuals can express themselves. This comes with a responsibility to recognize that a school is a learning and a working environment and we expect our community to dress in a manner that respects our guidelines.

GOALS:

Our dress code aims to:

- respect the freedom of self-expression;
- ensure and maintain a safe learning environment, specifically in contexts where protective or supportive clothing is required (e.g., phys. ed., science labs, dance or athletics*);
- prevent the wearing of clothing and accessories that create a hostile or intimidating atmosphere;
- treat everyone equitably;
- minimize inconsistencies;
- prepare students for different social settings.

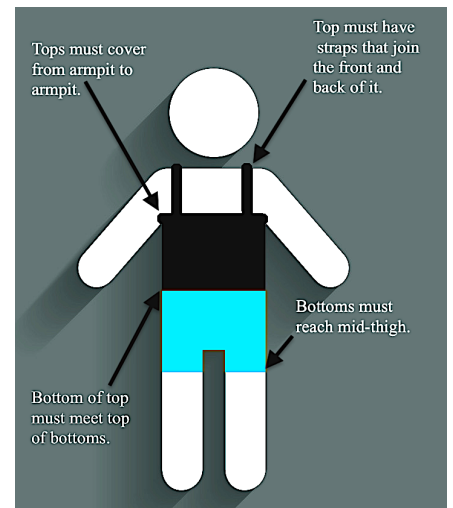
**In these situations, adults will let students know their expectations.*

GUIDELINES:

Our dress code requires that:

- clothing must be worn so that it covers from armpit to armpit across the chest and back, down to the mid-thigh, as seen in the image, with opaque fabric. Front and back of the top must be attached with straps.
- clothing and accessories should not imply or promote offensive, violent, racist, obscene, discriminatory language or images; use hate speech; or depict illegal or illicit activity.
- for safety reasons, obstructive headwear or accessories may not be worn in the building. This does not include religious, medical or special circumstances.

REPRESENTS 360° VIEW



EXPECTATIONS:

Massey-Vanier's dress code is intended to allow individual expression and preference within the parameters. If the dress code is not respected, incidents involving dress code will be resolved through discussion in a mutually respectful manner and in a way that respects individual differences. Individuals will then be given the opportunity to meet the guidelines. If a problem persists, further intervention will occur in line with our values of positivity, respect, integrity, dedication and effort.



Positivity

Respect

Integrity

Dedication

Effort

Approved June 2022 by staff and governing board.