

## Toddler Classroom Dress Code

### Why a Dress Code?

The goal of our Toddler Community Dress Code is to continue to support your child's growing independence and autonomy. As they begin the toilet learning journey, we work to foster the skills needed to successfully master toileting. This success begins with self-dressing and helping students find a rhythm and order to systematic steps. To help develop both of these critical skills, we ask parents to partner with our school to create a wardrobe that supports a toddler's growing independence. We ask that clothes be properly fitting and made to best support the child's practice in self-dressing. As children arrive at school, they will be asked to change their shirt into an MMA school uniform shirt. Having the child change their shirt not only allows your child to practice changing their shirt, as skill that takes longer to master than putting on pants, but also will help your child mentally prepare for their work cycle and help foster their sense of belonging and pride in their self-image. Uniform shirts will be provided by MMA. Uniform shirts will be *school-colored\** long sleeve/short sleeve t-shirt sporting a school logo. Children will change back into their shirt from home after nap each day, prior to the end of the school day.

Clothes your toddler arrives to school in need to be:

- Comfortable, weather appropriate, and sized correctly. (Both baggy clothing and overly tight fitted clothing can prohibit a child's movement.)
- Clothing may not have characters, fantasy items, glitter, sequins, or bedazzles of any kind.
- Pants or shorts need to have elastic waistbands (no fasteners).
- No body suits or one-piece outfits after 12 months of age.
- No skirts or dresses.

### Outdoor Shoes

- Outdoor shoes need to be close-toed and have a back strap.
- Please no light up shoes, flip flips, high heels, shoes with wheels, or dress-up shoes.
- Shoes may not have characters or fantasy items on them.
- Children may only wear shoes with laces if they are able to tie them by themselves.
- Please send your child in shoes that are appropriate for outdoor play.

### Indoor Shoes

- Here are some examples of the types of indoor shoes that would be acceptable. *Please no slippers!*
  - [Example 1: TOMS](#)
  - [Example 2: NATIVE](#)
  - [Example 3: Sneakers](#)
  - [Example 4: Tennis Shoes](#)

### Accessories

- Please no dangling earrings or play jewelry.
- Ball caps and hats may not be worn in school.
- Please no gloves or mittens that are attached to a string.
- Dress-up clothing and costume wear is not allowed.
- *School-colored\** hair accessories are acceptable.