

Starlight Montessori School Dress Code/Guidelines

Starlight School has prepared these guidelines for proper school attire with the desire to make your child's school experience as positive and successful as possible. **Please help your child learn these guidelines so that he/she can make appropriate choices when dressing for school.**

Shoes:

Permitted: Any **closed-toed** shoe that is securely fastened to the child's foot, i.e.: tennis shoes, rubber soled shoes, lace-up or buckled shoes.

Not permitted: Any shoe that is unstable or unsafe for outside play. Any shoe that is distracting (character shoes). Flip-flops or thong style shoes that lack a back strap. No cowboy boots, crocs or slick bottomed party shoes.

Clothing:

Permitted: Sensible, seasonable play clothes as if he/she were playing at the park for the day. Clothing that can get dirty (paint, markers, etc.) clothing that is easily manipulated or removed independently by the child, i.e.: loose fitting, elastic waist, etc., is best.

Not permitted: Party dresses (except for special school activities such as picture day and parties), mini/maxi skirts and other "fashion statement" type clothing. No costumes or costume-like clothing. This includes "dress-up style" ballet leotards, capes, princess crowns, play uniforms, etc. No movie super hero or TV characters on clothing such as Spiderman, Batman, Iron Man, Sponge Bob, Cinderella, Disney princesses, etc. Children wearing these on his/her shirts will be asked to change into clothes from Starlight School's clothing supply. Note: Movie and TV characters on clothing often encourage distractibility and silly behavior. Children will often compete with one another and even engage in "put downs" regarding certain characters. For these reasons we have imposed this strict guideline.

Jewelry:

Please discourage your child from wearing jewelry to school. Simple, basic jewelry (charm, cross) is generally not a problem, but "kiddie" jewelry (plastic or wooden beads on necklaces and bracelets) is distracting in the classroom and unsafe on the playground. Jewelry is often lost and can cause the child great distress.

Outwear:

Hats are permitted while playing on the playground and are removed upon entering the building. **Please place an identifying mark on the inside of all your child's hats, jackets, sweaters, etc. This helps us to return lost items and also helps the child to be responsible for his/her own clothing.**