



GERALD McSHANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE REGULATIONS 2026-2027

Gerald McShane Elementary School has a color dress code. All students are expected to come to school appropriately dressed and well groomed. This helps emphasize the serious nature of attending school. In view of this, we ask for parents' full cooperation in ensuring students adhere to the school's dress code.

Students may wear the following articles of clothing:

- **BLACK BOTTOMS:** Plain pants, bermudas, solid black joggers or track pants, leggings, tunic, skirt (no shorter than knee length) with no logos.
- **WHITE TOPS:** Plain solid white blouse, shirt, t-shirt, turtleneck or polo with no logos. Sleeveless and crop tops are not permitted.
- **BLACK, RED or WHITE SWEATER:** Plain solid black, red or white sweater, sweatshirt or cardigan with no logos.
- **SHOES/BOOTS:** In the winter months, students are required to wear boots. They must have shoes to change into. Boots are not permitted in the classroom. Students who are unable to tie their laces should come to school with shoes which have Velcro fasteners.

Only closed toe running shoes are permitted. An extra clean pair of running is encouraged during fall and spring thaw so that students do not bring mud into the building.

Winter snow pants: Mandatory for Grades PK to 3. Optional but highly recommended for Grade 4-6. Clean or dry clothes is not provided.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT PERMITTED:

- Nylon tights (used as pants), spandex shorts or pants.
- Open-toe shoes, including Crocs, sandals and slippers.
- T-shirt / tops with inappropriate pictures, slogans and messages.
- Clothing that reveals midriff or sleeveless tops.
- High heels, platforms, running shoes with wheels or that make sounds, strapless and flip-flop sandals.
- Long or fake nails that can hinder their daily functioning in school activities.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE DISCOURAGED:

- Students are encouraged not to wear makeup or nail polish to school.
- Jewelry/costume jewelry should not be worn.

At times, students are permitted to deviate from the school's color code. Nonetheless, on these days, students must still observe the restrictions mentioned above and dress appropriately for a school environment.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Black shorts or jogging pants, the school's physical education t-shirt, **athletic/sport running shoes (no sneakers).**

It is the student's and parent's responsibility to be aware of when Physical Education class is scheduled. Students must dress appropriately for Physical Education class. They must wear black shorts/joggers, the school's physical education t-shirt and running shoes (whose soles do not leave marks on the gym floor). For outdoor activities during the winter, students must wear the appropriate outerwear (snow pants, hats, scarves and gloves).

Students must also adhere to the following:

- Shoelaces must be tied.
- Long hair must be tied.
- Wear protective equipment if necessary.
- Jewelry must not be worn in Phys Ed classes.