

Dress Code

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Do you ever wonder about Medea Creek Middle School's dress code? Well today is your lucky day! This whole entire article is based on our middle school's dress code. Do you ever wonder why your daughter or son gets dress coded at school? Most of the time girls get dress coded because their shorts are too short or their shirts are way to see-through, even if the girl is wearing a bando. The boys get dress coded because they're either wearing a tank top or they are sagging their pants too low. There are many other ways to get dress coded at Medea Creek. I asked Dr. Bayles some questions based on Medea Creek's dress code. Dr. Bayles is our Dean, and she also deals with dress codes and consequences.

"Are you thinking of maybe enforcing uniforms at Medea?" I asked. Dr. Bayles said, "I am definitely not thinking of enforcing uniforms at Medea Creek." "Do you think that the kids at Medea Creek would like uniforms if you did enforce them?" I said. "They would probably not be in favor of wearing uniforms," Dr. Bayles said with confidence. I believe that the dress code at Medea Creek is a little bit strict, but other people could think totally different. In all of my 3 years of attending Medea Creek, I have only gotten dress coded 2 times. For my shirt, and wearing pajama pants on the last day of school. So one of my questions I asked Dr. Bayles was, "Why isn't Medea Creek allowed to wear pajamas, but the high school is?"

"Well Medea Creek bases it on what is appropriate for middle school students not high school students," Dr Bayles said. Do you ever wonder who created the dress code? Well the School Admin reviews it every year and they make changes if it's needed. They keep all of the dress code rules the same but they only change some, if they need to.

I asked Dr. Bayles, "Do you think are school dress code is strict?"

Dr. Bayles responded, "No I don't think it is strict; it's a good dress code for a positive learning environment."

"If you ever get dress coded at school, you are supposed to put on your P.E. clothes, or have your parents bring you another pair of clothes to change into?" I asked. "If you just get dress coded for you top you only need to put on your P.E. shirt, but if you just get dress coded for your pants you only need to wear your P.E. shorts," Bayles responded.

"How can you get dress coded?" I asked.

"Well not following the dress code, there is a variety of things on how to get dress coded," Dr. Bayles told me.

"Are there any consequences for getting dress coded multiple times?"

Dr. Bayles responded, "Yes, there is discipline involved, but it depends on how many times you have been dress coded."

The consequences can vary, the first dress code you get a slip and you have to take it home for you parents to sign it, but the office keeps your clothing till the next day you turn in the slip. When you turn in the slip, Dr. Bayles plans out when you get your lunch detention for breaking one of Medea Creek's rules at school. When you turn in your slip, you get your clothing at the end of the day. Do you ever wonder why you actually get dress coded? Most kids don't think what their wearing isn't provocative at all, but it actually is for school according to the school administrators.

“So why do you dress code people?” I asked.

“Well I dress code people because they obviously aren't following the dress code rules, so that they are not embarrassed, and also so that everyone that is surrounding them can be taught in a positive learning environment,” Dr. Bayles told me. I also interviewed another student at Lindero Canyon Middle School in 8th grade named Sammy D.

“Do lots of people at you school get dress coded?”

“Actually not that many people get dress coded at my school,” Sammy D explained to me.

“Have you ever gotten dress coded at you school?” “No I have never gotten dress coded at school,” Sammy replied.

“Is Lindero's dress code similar to Medea's dress code?”

“Yes it is, we both have pretty much the same criteria.” Sammy told me.

Through my process of learning all about our dress code at Medea Creek Middle School, I learned that our dress code really isn't that strict. Lots of kids get upset about getting dress coded way too many times. I know a girl who has had so many dress codes that she was on a dress code restriction. I hope that you have learned as much as I have about the dress code!