

Why should we change the Dress code?



And all of our collective data.

Agenda

- How this all started
- The work we have done
- What we hope to do next

How this all started!

- Over the years Dress code has bugged
 - Gender biased, gender shaming
 - Limits freedom of expression
 - It's unfair to ask student to not wear their favorite things
- We started a petition!
- Then we checked in with Admin who tasked us to gather data and suggest changes!

So as you can see, it's only me and Robert here today, but that doesn't mean it's just us working on the dress code! We have a vast and lovely team who are working together to help, they just aren't with us here tonight. And because of that, we have taken videos of all amazing representatives. Without further ado, I give you, Bleine Samson!



Don't worry, we don't just have one representative, here is our other one!



Note: we have other representatives, but we were not able to take videos do to slight inconvenience surrounding covid.

So, what about this data?

Glad you asked! We have collected data from surveys from the kindergarteners, the upper and lower elementary, and the middle school. For elementary and middle school, we gave them a survey that looked like the following:

Kindergarten students were interviewed 1 on 1!

How do you feel about the current school dress code? *

- I think it's great!
- I don't know what it is.
- I think it could use some changing.
- I completely disagree with it!

Do you think that it should be changed? *

- Yes
- No
- I don't care

What do you feel comfortable wearing to school?

Your answer _____

What changes would you make to the current dresscode?

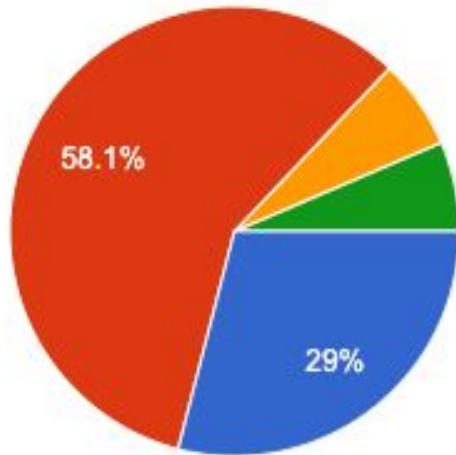
Your answer _____

The Data:

- We hope to present formal graphs soon, but here is an overview of what we learned from students:
 - About 95% of students want to change the dress code!
 - Students want to wear:
 - Sandals
 - Head covering like hats and hoods
 - Spaghetti straps
 - Graphic t's, hoodies etc.

Responses to the *Parent* survey.

Now, there have been some technical difficulties with this survey so that's why we only have about thirty responses so far.



- I think it's great! ¡Yo creo que es genial!
- I think it could use some changing. Creo que le vendría bien un poco de cambio.
- I completely disagree with it. Estoy completamente en desacuerdo con eso.
- I don't know what it is (you can find it in the UMCS family handbook)| No sé qué es (puede encontrarlo en el manual de la familia UMCS)

Responses to the **Parent** survey.

Some of the
comments
include:

What do you feel comfortable letting your student(s) wear to school? | ¿Qué se siente cómodo dejando que su(s) estudiante(s) vista(n) en la escuela?

31 responses

I liked the old dress code. Solid color pants or shirts, polos. That also was encouraged for staff to model equity in dressing.

Shirts with pictures are ok with me and I know the kids enjoy wearing things that express their interests and personality

T-shirt, pants, dresses and sneakers. No sandals or hells.

In the most part

A wide variety of clothing to enable self expression.

She mostly wears what she wants, legging and a shirt with sneakers.

Current dress code is fine with me, the parent. However, I'm not fully supportive of the no words/name brands policy. My son thinks sandals should be allowed.

Hats, any tshirt, necklace

But if we change the dress code, what would it be?

Excellent question! We have actually written our own dress code that we would like to propose:

All Clothing: No obscene words or pictures, weapons, drug, alcohol, or tobacco-related items on clothing. No undergarments should be visible (ex. bras, underwear, under-shorts, etc).

Shirts: Shirts can not be cut lower than your armpit.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts: No sagging pants (pants must be worn above the hip bone). No tears or holes exposing under garments.

Footwear: Shoes should secure around the toe and heel. No heels at P.E or recess activities such as basketball, foursquare, play structure etc. Most classrooms do not remove shoes inside class but a few of our primary classrooms do. Please reach out to your teacher for guidance on this.

Accessories: Any jewelry or accessory that becomes a distraction to the wearer will be considered a toy and are not allowed.

Note: this dress code has been written based on what people have said they wanted.

What Do *You* think?

What are your Ideas and opinions?