



## DeLaveaga Dress Code

DeLaveaga Elementary School strives to provide a challenging and enriched curriculum that encourages students to assume responsibility for their own learning. We believe that the learning environment of our school should reflect an academic focus where a safe and respectful climate for learning is maintained. There are many instances when student attire inhibits the positive attitude we want to foster, or attracts attention and becomes a distraction in the classroom. Equally, the choice of dress inhibits safe participation in activities such as PE.

The staff at DeLaveaga has adopted a dress code to help maintain a productive and safe learning environment. Students shall:

1. Wear tops that touch the top of their pants or skirts at all times, even when their arms are raised above their heads (no exposed midriffs). Tops should also cover undergarments. No spaghetti straps, or tank tops with straps less than one (1) inch (2 fingers width).
2. Wear pants that stay at the waist during stretching, running, or other physical activity, and cover undergarments. Pants should not drag on the ground.
3. Wear shorts that are long enough to reach the length of the fingertips when standing upright.
4. Wear shoes appropriate for physical activity. No flip flops or shoes without straps behind the ankle, or with heels over 2 inches are allowed, as these can easily cause sprained ankles.
5. Wear clothing that does not glorify violence or otherwise attract attention to inappropriate behavior for children. There should be no foul language, advertisements for alcoholic beverages, or other adult products, imprinted on the clothing.
6. Be allowed to wear hats outside, and inside at the teacher's discretion.
7. Not wear clothing accessories or body markings typified as gang related, such as chain belts, hairnets, numbers or colors, or other items as published by the Santa Cruz Police Dept.
8. Not wear make-up, as it is not appropriate for elementary school-aged children.

These guidelines will be enforced through teacher and principal discretion.