

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE

KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE

Elementary uniform must be worn at all times when in the school building on school days.

This includes during lunch and after school. The only exceptions are authorized out of uniform activities, such as after school sports, or privilege days.

- Students who come to school out of uniform will receive a warning or loss of privilege.
- All students are to be dressed and groomed appropriately for their biological gender.
- Notes from parents excusing out of uniform, will not always be accepted by the school as reasons for excuse.
- Designated uniform clothing may be purchased at any store as long as it meets the following school criteria.
(MCA does not sell uniforms, only spirit gear items. Stores like Target, Amazon, or Old Navy often carry approved uniform clothing.)

Uniform Maintenance Guidelines

- All clothing should be clean, modest, and mended, with no frays, no unfinished cuts or alterations, and should avoid worldly fashion extremes.
- Plan ahead for uniform cleaning needs. This is not an acceptable excuse for incomplete uniform. It is important to have more than one set of school uniforms.

UNIFORM

MCA 'Spirit Gear' Uniform Sweatshirt (**Required for all Kinder - 8th graders. Purchase on school website*)

- All students are required to purchase a uniform sweatshirt. These items or proof of purchase must be presented the first day of school.
- Any identifiable MCA sweatshirt is the only accepted sweatshirt at school.
- Sweatshirts should fit appropriately, be neither tight nor baggy, and should not extend below the wrist.
- The MCA logo sweatshirt must be the outermost layer at all times.

Polo Shirt

- Any SOLID color, long or short sleeve, pullover with collar and buttons. No striped or patterned polos, or full button down shirts.
- The polo shirt may be worn tucked or untucked.
- The shirt length and/or layering must be long enough to always cover the waistline, even when seated, and when the arms are raised.
- Polo shirts should fit appropriately, be neither tight nor baggy, and should not extend below the wrist.
- Logo designs on polos must be smaller than a quarter
- Long sleeve shirts under polos may either be solid color, striped, or patterned- however, there should be no writing on the shirt.
- The required shirt must be worn under all school zippered sweatshirts if unzipped.
- Mid-drifts should not be showing, including when arms are raised.

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T-Shirt

- Any identifiable Mannahouse Christian Academy t-shirt may be worn as uniform instead of a polo shirt. Mannahouse church or City Christian shirts are not accepted.
- T-shirts, long or short sleeve, are acceptable under short sleeve polos (no long underwear/pajama shirts).
- T-shirts, long or short sleeve, worn underneath polos may either be solid color, striped, or patterned - but should not have print, writing, logos or designs.
- The required shirt must be worn under all school zippered sweatshirts if unzipped.
- Mid-drifts should not be showing, including when arms are raised.

Pants/Shorts

- NAVY color only (without contrasting stitching), may not have more than 4 pockets in traditional style (2 front, 2 back)
- NO LEGGINGS WORN AS PANTS. Leggings may be worn under appropriate length skirt or dress
- NO DENIM FABRICS, CORDS, OR CARGO PANTS/SHORTS
- Shorts length: no more than 2" above the knee and 3" below
- No pajamas, sweatpants, track pants, yoga pants, jeggings, tech pants, jogging pants, or athletic pants of any type
- Pants must be loose enough to pinch an inch on both sides. They should be neither tight nor baggy.

Skirts/Skorts/Shift

- Shift: Navy Blue (Shift length: no more than 2" above the knee and 3" below)
- Skirt: Navy Blue (Skirt length: no more than 2" above the knee and 3" below)
- Skort: Navy Blue

Coats

- Students may wear coats to and from school and during outdoor activities.
- If a student is still cold inside the school when wearing the MCA sweatshirt, a jacket may be worn underneath the uniform clothing for additional warmth- however, the MCA logo sweatshirt must be the outermost layer at all times.

Shoes

- Shoes should be appropriate for school activities and consider the weather.
- Sturdy shoes with a closed toe and heel for maximum dexterity and safety in school activities is recommended.
- Shoes with wheels, cleats, or other items on the soles are not accepted.
- Shoes manufactured to require laces must have laces and be tied.

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Hair

- Hair should be discreet, avoid extremes, and be in keeping with the standards of MCA.
- Hairstyles should not distract from the countenance in any way.
- Any dyeing of the hair is to be in natural colors only. Unnatural hair colors are not accepted, whether intentional or unintentional, and need to be quickly changed.
- Consequences are at the discretion of the administrator and may include suspension.

Makeup/Fingernail Polish

- Makeup and fingernail polish should be worn discreetly and in moderation, avoiding extremes, and in keeping with the standards of MCA.

Jewelry

- Jewelry and hair accessories should be discreet and modest, avoiding extremes, and in keeping with the standards of MCA.
- Jewelry with unedifying symbols are not appropriate for school wear.
- Students are not to wear body-piercing jewelry other than earrings in the ear. Clear or flesh-colored plugs or placeholders are allowed for nose piercings, but not for other body piercings.

Accessories

- Temporary tattoos cannot be visible
- Hats are not allowed on uniform days for any student. Hats are only allowed on theme days when the hat complements the dress up theme.
- Scarves are not to be worn indoors with school uniforms, only outdoors for warmth.
- Students are not to wear anything considered an accessory without permission of the administrator.

Undergarments

- Undergarments must be worn by all students. Girls must wear a bra, if needed.
- Undergarments are not to be visible, neither through clothing or during any form of movement.

Lost Uniform Clothing

- No clothing is to be left in the school at any time, including in the bathrooms or classrooms.
- A lost MCA uniform sweatshirt must be replaced as soon as possible or no later than two (2) weeks after the time it was lost.
- IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT CLOTHES BE LABELED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME. Polo shirts, t-shirts and sweatshirts should be labeled on the inside of the neck in back of garment. Skirts and pants should be labeled on the inside of the waistband in back.
- THE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST CLOTHING.

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KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE: OUT-OF-UNIFORM

Throughout the year there are a number of activities, both during the school day and after school hours (including evenings), that do not require students to be in uniform. Dress for these occasions will vary greatly, but certain guidelines are always appropriate.

- It would be wise to check with the school office for dress requirements for special activities.
- All clothing should be clean, modest, and mended, with no frays, no unfinished cuts or alterations and should avoid worldly fashion extremes.
- All students are to be dressed and groomed appropriately for their biological gender.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Dresses

- Pants/shorts may be ANY color, and may be denim, cords, or docker material.
- Rips in pants can be no higher than 2" above the knee cap. No shorts with rips are allowed.
- NO LEGGINGS WORN AS PANTS. Leggings may be worn under appropriate length skirt or dress
- Shorts length: no more than 2" above the knee and 3" below
- No pajamas, sweatpants, track pants, yoga pants, jeggings, tech pants, jogging pants, or athletic pants of any type
- Pants must be loose enough to pinch an inch on both sides. They should be neither tight nor baggy.
- Dresses and skirts must be consistent with the general uniform guideline and rest 3" above the knee cap or 4" below the knee. They should be loose enough to pinch an inch on both sides.

Shirts

- Shirts must comply with general modesty guidelines and school dress code, and must be worn at all times.
- Sleeveless shirts/tank top shoulder straps may be no smaller than 4" in width, and armholes may be no more than 2" below the armpit. Strapless tops are not allowed.

Shoes/Hair/Accessories

- Shoes must be appropriate to school activities, weather, and overall safety (wheels, cleats, and other items on shoe soles are not accepted).
- Hair should be discreet, avoid extremes, and be in keeping with the standards of MCA. Hair color should only be natural hair colors.
- Make-up, fingernail polish, jewelry, accessories, and undergarments should follow the MCA dress code guidelines.
- Spirit Day outfits should be appropriate to the theme and dress code guidelines. If a student chooses not to participate, they must come in uniform.