



## Dress Code Policy

In accomplishing our objective of training our young people for the future, it is important for students to learn that responsibility and self-discipline in adhering to rules is important. In establishing the following guidelines, we at MCA are recognizing that neat and appropriate dress has a direct correlation to effort and respect. Neatness is very important and the Scripture principle of modesty must be present in our MCA students.

Parents and/or students will be notified of any dress code violation and immediate compliance will be requested. Continued non-compliance of dress code will be considered as an infraction set forth in our discipline policy. The regular behavior notification procedures will be followed.

### DRESS CODE FOR SCHOOL

The intent of the dress code is to accomplish the following:

1. Ensure that all students at MCA are modestly and neatly dressed.
2. Facilitate interpretation and enforcement of the dress code by teachers, staff and families.
3. Eliminate confusion and misunderstanding by parents who purchase clothing for their children.

There are three major themes that guide the specific rules that follow:

1. The scriptural principle of modesty must be obeyed.
2. All clothing must not “Bag, Sag, or Drag,” or fit too tightly.
3. Solid colors (no pattern, design or logo) are acceptable for all items of clothing.

The following clothing is acceptable attire for the school year:

1. All students must wear a solid color or striped polo-type shirt (long or short sleeve), which may have a non-MCA logo but it must be within 3”x 3”. Solid color fold-over turtle neck shirts or mock turtle neck shirts may be worn.
2. Both girls and boys may wear solid color jeans or slacks that do not “Bag, Sag, or Drag,” or fit too tightly. All pants must be worn at the waist and reach the ankle. Leggings are not acceptable.
3. Girls may wear solid, single color skirts or jumpers (no shorter than two inches above the knee) with their polo shirt. Students in grades K4-3<sup>rd</sup> may wear polo style dresses. Skirts or jumpers cannot have any pattern, design or logo (except MCA). Students must wear solid, single color shorts under skirts or jumpers.
4. Solid, single color sweaters, sweatshirts and vests (no logo except MCA) may be worn over the polo shirt.
5. Clothing may be one size too large to allow for children’s growth.
6. Socks or hose are mandatory at all times.
7. Shoes are mandatory (no sandals).
8. Shorts (boys or girls), capris and uniform skorts (girls) may be worn, no shorter than two inches above the knee.



## **Dress Code Policy (Cont'd)**

### Appearance:

All clothes must be neat, clean and without holes (patches are acceptable, as long as the patches resemble the original material).

### Hair:

1. Hair should be neat.
2. Boys' hair should not hang over collar, cover eyebrows, or fall past the middle of the ear when combed down.
3. No hairstyle should cover eyes.
4. Extreme cuts are not acceptable. (Mohawks, shaved heads, shaved logos or lines.)
5. No extreme hair colors or color combinations.

### Miscellaneous:

1. Students in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who cannot adequately tie their own shoes must wear Velcro type tennis shoes for gym class.
2. Shoes must have heels or soles no higher than 2" (this includes tennis shoes).
3. No body piercing except girls' earrings.
4. No tattoos.
5. No wallet chains.
6. No hats or caps in the building(except on special "dress down" days.)

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students should wear regular school clothes to physical education classes. 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders must purchase a T-shirt to wear during P.E. All students must wear tennis shoes on P.E. days. Wind suits may be worn.
2. During P.E. classes, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students wear tennis shoes, regulation shorts, shirt, and socks.
3. During sports events, students wear proper shoes, regulation shorts, shirt, and socks.

### SUMMARY

The MCA dress code is presented in detail so that our school families will have a clear understanding of the standards agreed to when students are enrolled in MCA. The intent of the standards is to present a school business atmosphere. The standards are not meant to be divisive or to dictate a pseudo-righteousness. The school does not impose rules for students outside of school; rather, the school recognizes parental authority and depends on parents to support the dress code by checking their children before school each day.