

DRESS CODE

ALL: To promote good grooming and pride in oneself, students' clothing is to be clean, neat, and sized appropriately. **THIS DRESS CODE APPLIES TO STUDENTS IN ALL GRADES K-8.**

Hair is to be well-groomed with styles appropriate for school. Boys' hair is to be above the collar. No fad hair styles are permitted. No designs are to be shaved into hair. **HAIR IS NOT TO BE COLORED OR LIGHTENED.**

Shoes are to be neat and be approved school shoes. Approved school shoes are **ALL** dark brown or black leather-like or canvas material with **NO** stripes / markings /logo or **ANY** other color. If tennis shoes meet the criteria above, they can be worn as school shoes. For safety, no heels or shoes with open backs or open toes may be worn.

Other tennis shoes or shoes with white sole /bottom should **ONLY** be worn on **GYM DAYS.**

Socks or leotards are to be solid in color: blue or white. Girls in Grades 7 and 8 may wear plain nylons.

Sweaters are to be solid navy blue. Solid blue or white turtlenecks may be worn under school shirts or blouses. Sweatshirts and thermal shirts are **not** permitted unless it is the approved MCS sweatshirt. Sweaters and colored T-shirts are not permitted to be worn under blouses or shirts.

Only sweaters may be worn in classes. Sweatshirts other than then MCS sweatshirt, windbreakers and jackets may not be worn.

Make-up is not permitted. This includes nail polish, fake nails, and colored lip gloss. (Clear nail polish is permissible.)

Perfume/Cologne is not to be brought to school. Deodorant may be brought on gym days as a roll-on, but spray deodorant may not be brought to school.

Jewelry: Small post earrings only (no dangling and no hoop earrings) are permitted for the girls. Boys may not wear earrings. Excessive or offensive jewelry may not be worn. Inappropriate buttons may not be worn. **Bracelets may not be worn.**

One chain, one ring, one set of post earrings may be worn. (ANY JEWELRY WORN THAT IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE KEPT IN THE OFFICE UNTIL PICKED UP BY A PARENT /GUARDIAN.)

Uniform skirts and slacks are not to be denim, jeans, leather, parachute, or other fad styles. **Dress quality corduroys** are permitted.

Blouses and shirts are worn **tucked completely into** slacks and skirts.

Sunglasses, hats, and baseball caps are not worn in school.

No tattoos are permitted.

BACKPACKS and BOOKBAGS are not carried from class to class; they are emptied in the morning before classes begin and are left in lockers/coat rooms.

GIRLS: Skirts, jumpers, or pants are navy blue. Black is not permitted. No decorative pockets, no extra pockets or zipper type pants are permitted. Skirts and slacks are not worn together. No stretch pants or pants may be worn under skirts. **No pants of knit material are to be worn.** Length a skirt should be modest. **(No more than 2 inches above the knee)** Also, **long skirts reaching to the ankles may not be worn.**

Pants are worn appropriately, not slouched or sagging. **No oversized slacks are to be worn. Pants are to be sized appropriately. No slits in pant legs are permitted. Tight fitting pants are not to be worn. Split skirts/skortts that fit properly may be worn. (The navy blue school clothing sold in most department stores that meet these requirements.)**

Blouses or knit polo shirts are solid white, solid light blue or navy blue. Styles are simple, no lace or ruffles. Blouses are to have collars. Denim blouses are not worn. Blouses with elastic ribbing may be worn outside of skirts/slacks.

BELTS: BELTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS MUST BE BROWN OR BLACK

BOYS: Dress pants are solid colored navy blue. Black is not permitted. They are worn appropriately, not slouched or sagging. These must have no extra pockets on the legs. Pants are to be sized appropriately. No oversized pants are to be worn. Tight fitting pants are not to be worn.

Dress shirts or polo shirts: that are solid white, solid light blue or navy blue are worn. Denim shirts are not worn. Shirts must have collars.

Ties are optional. If worn, they must match in color.

Boys are to be clean-shaven.

In warm weather walking shorts may be worn by both boys and girls. These shorts must be navy blue and must be in accord with the stipulated length of no more than two inches above the knee. The shorts must fit properly and have no extra pockets on the legs.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION K-8:

Tops: Metro Catholic solid blue T-shirts (sold through the school) or solid blue sweatshirts (not inside out)

Bottoms: Solid colored shorts of moderate length or solid colored sweatpants; no cut-offs, leggings/yoga pants. Pants should have no stripes or writing.

Shoes: Tennis shoes must not have black soles.

Socks: Solid colored, white or blue socks.

DRESS-UP DAYS:

Jewelry and make up rules still apply.

GIRLS:

YES: Choice of: dresses, skirts, blouses, sweaters, dress shoes, nylons, dress pants, socks.

NO: Jeans, mini-skirts, shorts, T-shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts unless it is the approved MCS sweatshirt, bare midriff, spaghetti straps, leggings **unless** worn with a longer top.

BOYS:

YES: Choice of: dress pants, shirts, ties, sweaters, dress shoes

NO: Jeans, T-shirts, camouflage pants or shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts unless it is the approved MCS sweatshirt, bare midriff

DRESS DOWN DAYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

Jewelry and make up rules still apply.

YES: Neat jeans, appropriate tops

NO: Torn jeans, mini-skirts, shorts, T-shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts unless it is the approved MCS sweatshirt, bare midriff, spaghetti straps, leggings **unless** worn with a longer top.

Jewelry and make up rules still apply.

BIRTHDAYS:

On birthdays, students may dress up using these guidelines.

COLD WEATHER:

Students should be dressed for recess outdoors. This includes a warm coat (in accord with guidelines listed previously under PERSONAL PROPERTY) hat, and gloves. Boots should be worn on snowy days.