

Dress Code

MCA will be a uniformed school beginning in the fall of 2023. MCA recognizes that a uniform is not a sign of holiness, and that many opinions can be held about clothing within the body of believers that make up the church and in some instances the articles of clothing do not hold a clear “black or white” judgment call. Therefore, families may disagree with the dress code from time to time. In such an instance, we ask you to use this as a teaching moment with your children in how to honor authority with a Christ-like attitude and support the decisions made by the school board and administration.

- I. Objectives:
 - A. Instruct students in the application of scriptural principles in their clothing selection and daily appearance/attire/dress
 - B. Create a proper classroom atmosphere for learning.
 - C. Ensure the health and safety of the students.
- II. Scripture Basis:
 - A. Glorify God: I Cor. 6:19-20; 10:31; Psalm 86:12; Is. 66:5; Matt. 5:16
 - B. Do not conform to the world: Rom. 12:2; I Sam. 16:7; Jas. 4:4
 - C. Wear proper, modest, discreet clothing: I Tim 2:9
 - D. Do not be a stumbling block to others: Rom 14:13, I Peter 3:3-4

Within the mission of Millersville Christian Academy is the concept of training. It is within the concept of training that our dress code has been developed. **MCA recognizes that the parent is primarily responsible for training a child and ensuring adherence to the dress code.** MCA’s school culture is one of modesty and a desire not to offend others. Our purpose is to have a dress code that provides the fewest distractions for both students and teachers.

UNIFORM DRESS CODE

Uniforms should be clean and in good repair, and students are expected to be in uniform unless specified otherwise. The administration is responsible for the determination of the policy, and the enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of parents, administration, faculty, and staff.

Boys:

- Tops – solid color polo or dress shirt, short or long sleeved, in the following colors: purple, gold, grey, black, navy, or white – any logo must be the official MCA logo other than a small chest or sleeve manufacturer logo, (A long sleeve under garment of the same color as the polo is acceptable)
- Vest – purple, gold, grey, black, or white
- Sweaters – purple, gold, grey, black, or white
- MCA crew neck sweatshirt (no hood or pockets) may be worn over the polo)

- Uniform Pants – khaki, grey, black, or navy
- Uniform Shorts (Bermuda style no shorter than 3 inches above the knee, no athletic shorts) – khaki, grey, black, or navy
- Shoes – no heel greater than 2 inches, no wheeled shoes – We have PE most every day so please make sure appropriate athletic shoes can be changed into for PE (no open toe shoes for PE)

Girls:

- Tops – solid color polo or blouse, short or long sleeved, (may be ruffled) in the following colors: purple, gold, grey, black, navy, or white – any logo must be the official MCA logo other than a small chest or sleeve manufacturer logo. (A long sleeve under garment of the same color as the polo is acceptable)
- Vest – purple, gold, grey, black, or white
- Sweaters – purple, gold, grey, black, or white
- MCA crew neck sweatshirt (no hood or pockets) may be worn over the polo)
- Uniform Pants – khaki, grey, black, or navy
- Uniform Shorts(Bermuda style no shorter than 3 inches above the knee, no athletic shorts) – khaki, grey, black, or navy
- Uniform Skirt or Dress(no shorter than 3 inches above the knee)-- khaki, grey, black, or navy
- Uniform Skort, (K-3 ONLY) - khaki, grey, black, or navy
- Shoes - no heel greater than 2 inches, no wheeled shoes – We have PE most every day so please make sure appropriate athletic shoes can be changed into for PE (no open toe shoes for PE)

PE UNIFORM POLICY

K – 5 Students do not dress out for PE and will therefore wear normal uniform clothes for PE but must wear closed heel and toe shoes.

6th Grade & Up will dress out for PE:

Boys & Girls

- Tops – Any MCA T-shirt, solid color T-shirt or MCA sweatshirt or solid color sweatshirt.
- Shorts: khaki, grey, black, or navy shorts with a minimum 7" inseam (frenchtoast.com has black or grey with a 9 inch inseam available)
- Sweats – Solid color: khaki, grey, black, or navy
- Shoes – Tennis shoes

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- **CHAPEL DAY--Shorts are not allowed on Chapel Day!!**
- **Thursday is “casual dress day.” Students may wear any MCA logo top or solid color top (including hoodies) with jeans(no holes, rips or tears) or uniform pants/shorts. (Unless it falls on a chapel day in which students will be required to wear uniforms.)**
- **Leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, and tights may only be worn under knee-length skirts or dresses and cannot be worn as stand alone garments.**
- Shirts must have sleeves. No undergarments should be visible at any time. Clothing must be modest and must not reveal cleavage, backs, or midriffs.
- Shirts may be tucked in or not
- All clothing should be clean and in good repair. Clothing with holes, rips, or tears should not be worn.
- All students must wear footwear. Elementary students are to wear closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes for PE for safety reasons.
- Boys’ hair should not be a distraction in length, (1 Corinthians 11:14; Boys hair should be no longer than the bottom of the shirt collar) clean, and neatly maintained, as to not cover the eyes. No man buns, spiked hair, and no dread locks may be worn. The principal, along with the School Board, reserves the right to make final decisions on what is an appropriate hair style.
- Girls’ hair should not be a distraction in color and shall remain out of the eyes. Only natural hair colors are permissible. (NO unnatural colors such as: reds, purples, greens, blues, etc.) The principal, along with the School Board, reserves the right to make final decisions on what is an appropriate hair style.
- No body piercing jewelry is to be worn at school or school related events. Only girls may wear earrings.
- Girls’ skirts and skorts must have a spandex type undergarment that reaches mid-thigh
- Boys’ pants must reach shoe laces when standing.
- Hats, hoods, head coverings and/or sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building during school hours.
- No writing on yourself, others or clothing.
- No dog collars, chains, etc shall be worn.
- The administration reserves the right to make decisions on items not specifically listed in MCA policy.