



2022-2023 SECONDARY (6-12) SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

Maranatha Christian Academy's code for personal appearance is based on creating a culture in our Christian environment of neatness, modesty, atmosphere for learning, and appropriateness for school activities and events. Students are expected to be in dress code for school and all school-related events and activities whether on or off campus.

CLOTHING ITEMS	WHAT TO WEAR	WHAT NOT TO WEAR
TOPS Shirts, blouses, sweaters, and sweatshirts May be worn tucked or untucked and must be long enough to cover the entire midsection whether seated or standing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polos or Oxford style shirt: Any solid, vertical, or horizontal striped, colored polo. Small name brand or manufacturer logos are acceptable if less than one inch in size (horizontally and vertically), if the logo is tasteful and appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-collared shirt or blouse. Oversized shirts worn as a jacket. T-shirts over collared shirts. Any non-solid color sweater, cowl neck sweater, or poncho. More than 2 buttons unbuttoned. Flannel shirts. Hoodies except MCA hoodies on Friday.
BOTTOMS Slacks and Shorts (all) Skirts and Capris (girls only) GIRLS: Skirts must rest no higher than 2" above the knee. ALL: Shorts must rest no higher than 2" above the knee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solid color "Docker style" pants, skirts, shorts, or capri pants that are navy blue, black, khaki, gray, or tan. Pants must be worn at or above hips with no visible undergarments or exposed midsection. Leggings of solid colors may be worn under skirts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non- "Docker style" pants, skirts, or shorts. Cargo-style shorts or pants. Denim material (Monday-Thursday). Slim fit, skinny, super skinny, or form-fitting. Spandex, yoga, athletic, sweatpants, or athletic shorts. Leggings or jeggings.
All clothing must be appropriately sized, loose fitting, and modest. Clothing must be in good repair, free of holes, patches, tears, and fraying.		
SWEATERS, SWEATSHIRTS, JACKETS- IN THE CLASSROOM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vest Cardigan Pullover Zippered Turtlenecks V-neck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solid colors. Small name brand or manufacturer logos are acceptable if less than one inch horizontal & vert. MCA logo'd apparel without hoods. All outerwear, sweaters, and sweatshirts must have a separate collar showing above neckline. (Monday-Thursday) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No hooded outerwear in the building except MCA hoodies on Friday. Oversized, inappropriately sized.
SHOES & SOCKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress shoes, dress sandals, tennis shoes, and dress boots. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*If necessary due to injury, obtain permission to wear alternative footwear</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heels no greater than 2" high including spiked heels. Flip flops, beach shoes, slippers, athletic slides, crocs, house shoes. Shoes with wheels.
ACCESSORIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair Accessories Scarves Belts Jewelry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GIRLS: Hair accessories such as head bands, barrettes, bows. Fashion scarves around the neck and across shoulders. Piercings in ears only. Necklaces and bracelets, watches, wristbands, activity trackers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head wear such as scarves, bandannas, hats, caps, sweatbands Excessive or distracting jewelry Smart watches Visible body piercings, facial piercings, or tattoos at school or any school event. No body art allowed (pen, henna, marker) GIRLS: more than 2 earrings per ear BOYS: nail polish or earrings

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<p>HAIR AND MAKE UP</p> <p>ALL: Boys' and Girls' hair should be neatly groomed and combed. Bangs should not extend below the eyebrow.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair coloring and styles must adhere to moderate taste and within the spectrum of natural hair color. • Length is controlled to stay out of the eyes and to show the face. <p>BOYS: Hair may not extend beyond the top of the shirt collar, extend over the eyebrow, or below the ear lobe. Sideburns must not extend below the bottom of the ear. Must be clean-shaven.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unusual, unnatural, or extreme colors • Designs, number, names, emblems, shaved into the scalp. • Faux-hawk, mohawks, man-buns, extreme spikes. Boys may not wear ponytails. • Make-up that causes a distraction to the learning environment.
SPECIAL DRESS DAYS		
FRIDAYS	<p>Fridays are Spirit Days!! We want to celebrate school spirit. Students may wear MCA t-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies with jeans or jean shorts. If a student chooses not to participate, they may wear a collared shirt that would meet typical dress code standards. Jeans (black, blue, or tan) must be modest, clean, denim material, without worn spots or holes, not overly tight or low hiped.</p> <p>Seasonal team uniform tops may be worn with the AD's approval for the entire team.</p> <p><u>Seniors only:</u> During the second semester, seniors may wear a college sweatshirt for the university they have been accepted to after their acceptance letter has been turned in to the office. Seniors may also wear Friday spirit wear their last week of school.</p>	
FORMAL ATTIRE ACTIVITIES (Homecoming, Prom, Banquets)	<p>GIRLS: Dresses and/or skirts must have solid material (not see-through) that is no shorter than 2" above the knee, including slits. Dresses may be strapless but modest. Dresses must not be backless (material must come a minimum of three inches above the natural waist), low-cut, form-fitting, or exposing the breast or midriff. Mesh material may not be utilized in place of a solid material to meet the standard set above. Dresses must be approved by a panel of faculty prior to the event through a scheduled "Say Yes to the Dress" event. Outside dates must also meet dress standard.</p> <p>BOYS: Dress shirt, ties, and dress slacks; dress jackets are encouraged. No shorts or sandals.</p>	
CASUAL DRESS FOR OUTSIDE EVENTS	<p>Students should dress in neat and modest attire. Clothing should be free from rips, tears, and holes. Shorts or skirts must meet the fingertip length rule. Consequence for violations may include non-entry to the event and a 30–60-minute detention.</p>	
FIELD TRIPS	<p>Field trip apparel will be determined by the Administration for each trip. Details for each trip will be written on an information form.</p>	
SPECIAL EVENTS (Baccalaureate, Graduation, NHS Induction, Mock elections)	<p>The daily dress code applies. Girls may wear dress code appropriate skirts or dresses and boys should wear shirts and ties with or without a dress coat.</p>	
SWIM WEAR	<p>Girls: Only one-piece looking swimsuits, including tankinis, will be acceptable for girls. Swimsuits may not have high cut legs or revealing necklines.</p> <p>Boys: May not wear tight or high cut suits.</p> <p>The school designee reserves the right to require a student to wear a shirt over a swimsuit they deem as inappropriate or immodest.</p>	
CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS		
Fix, call home if needed for parents to bring clothes		
1-3 violations- written notification to parents		
4 th violation- 30-minute detention		
5 th violation- Family meeting/ stricter dress code		