

# MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2025-2026 DRESS CODE POLICY

## DRESS CODE

The dress code at Marian Catholic High School reflects the social and Christian values we strive to instill within our students: professionalism, modesty, respect for self and others, unity and pride, and positive self-esteem. The dress code fosters a serious approach to academics which relieves the social pressure of students who feel the need to keep up with, or be distracted by, the current trends or styles which can prove to be inappropriate for a Catholic school environment. Equity and cultural sensitivity are factored into the design of and enforcement of the dress code. The school administration, through the dean, reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of dress, style, hair cut/color, and to interpret or amend the dress code. The dress codes at Marian Catholic are reviewed at least once every three years by a committee of students and faculty.

The following dress code applies Monday through Thursday for each week of the school year. Fridays are "Spirit Days" and students may wear any Marian Catholic apparel on top with dress code Khaki or black slacks, shorts, or skirts on the bottom.

## **I. Clothing/Shoes**

### Primary Shirts

#### **Dress Code**

- Students must wear either a Marian Catholic logoed polo shirt (short or long-sleeved).
- **Not permitted:** T-shirts, tank tops, jerseys, sweatshirts, hooded shirts, hooded sweatshirts.
- **Note:** Shirts do not need to be tucked in, but must at least meet the top of the pants (no midriff may show).
- Any undershirt must be tucked in, and primary shirt must completely cover any undershirt.
- Students have the option to wear a necktie or bowtie with a Marian Catholic logoed Oxford style shirt.

### Outerwear Clothing

#### **Dress Code**

- Over their Marian polo shirt, students may wear either a Marian-approved jacket with the Marian "M" school logo only on the chest OR a Marian-approved quarter-zip pullover with the Marian "M" school logo only on the chest. Other writing, imagery, or logos may not appear on dress code outerwear clothing. Jackets or quarter-zips may only be in the colors of black, white, or grey. **The collar of the Marian polo shirt must always be visible at the neck.**
- **Not permitted:** Hooded sweatshirts, hooded t-shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, t-shirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, jerseys, windbreakers, non-Marian pullovers/fleeces/jackets (i.e. North Face, Nike, etc.).
- **Note:** Teams, clubs, and school-sponsored activities are permitted to wear their team/club/activity jerseys or apparel every Friday of the school year, which are Marian "Spirit Days."

### Pants/Skirts/Shorts

#### **Dress Code**

- Students must wear Khaki or black slacks (traditional classic cut or relaxed fit, chino style or Dockers style, cotton-twill), knee-length Khaki or black chino style shorts, or knee-length Khaki or black skirt.
- **Not permitted:** Yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, sweat pants, cargo pants, track pants, denim jeans, jean-style slacks of any color, biker shorts, cargo shorts, denim or jean-style shorts of any color.
- **Note:** Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist and must meet the student's shirt (no midriff may show).
- Shorts and skirts may be worn year-round.

### Shoes

#### **Dress Code**

- Students must wear a dress shoe, casual shoe, or athletic shoe.
- **Not permitted:** Sandals, flip-flops, slippers, Crocs or Crocs-style shoes, any shoe without a full back.
- **Note:** Socks or stockings are optional.

## **II. Hair**

### **Dress Code**

- Haircuts are to be appropriate for school or a professional environment. Hair must be worn in such a way that the student's eyes and face are not covered. Primary hair color must be a naturally occurring hair color.
- Hairstyles that are historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists, are not prohibited.
- **Not permitted:** Letters, symbols, or designs dyed or colored or cut/shaved into hair, hats, hoods, dew rags, sleep caps, shower caps, bandanas, athletic headbands, or sweatbands.
- **Note:** Dyed/colored highlights should be appropriate for a professional environment.
- Facial hair must be neatly groomed and kept to no longer than one inch in length.
- Fabric headbands and religious head coverings may be worn.

### III. Jewelry

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- Students may wear earrings, finger rings, bracelets, and necklaces.
- **Not permitted:** Jewelry with spikes, studs, or inappropriate images, gauges.
- Facial piercings of any type.
- **Note:** Tattoos must not be visible and must be completely covered during the school day.

### IV. Student IDs

#### Dress Code

- Students must wear their current school-issued photo ID around the neck on a school-issued lanyard. IDs must be visible as the outermost layer at all times while in the school building.

Failure to abide by dress code result may result in a detention. Reoccurring violations may result in suspension or other disciplinary consequences. School administration, through its dean, reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of dress, and style/color of hair, and to interpret the dress code. Requests for temporary suspension of dress code must be made in writing, accompanied by physician's documentation, and signed by an administrator or the dean. Temporary suspension of dress code must be renewed on a weekly basis using the above-mentioned procedure.