

H.E. McCracken Middle School
Student Dress Code & Uniform Expectations
2026-2027 School Year

All students attending H.E. McCracken Middle School are required to wear a school-approved uniform. Students are expected to be dressed according to uniform standards at all times while school is in session. The Beaufort County School District dress code establishes standards for student attire during the school day.

HEMMS Uniform Policy and Expectations

Tops: White, Kelly green, black and gray



Bottoms: Khaki and black (No cargo pockets)



Shirts (Tops)

Students may wear plain collared polo shirts (short or long sleeve) with 2, 3, or 4 buttons. Shirts may not have stripes, lace, or ruffles and must be white, gray, black, or Kelly green. Shirts may display the official H.E. McCracken Middle School logo or a non-school logo no larger than an ID Card.

Solid white, black, gray, or Kelly green undershirts or mock turtlenecks may be worn beneath the polo shirt.

Solid white, gray, black, or Kelly green sweaters or sweatshirts without hoods may be worn over the uniform. The collared uniform shirt must remain underneath. Sweaters and sweatshirts must be worn right side out and may not be shorter than the natural waistline or longer than the hipline.

Students may also wear solid white, gray, black, or Kelly green oxford (button-down) shirts. Only the top button may be unbuttoned.

H.E. McCracken spirit shirts may be worn daily. Plain shirts, even in color are not permitted, they must have a school logo on it to be a spirit shirt. Otherwise a collared shirt must be worn.

Not Permitted

- Hoodies/blankets inside the building.
- Bluffton High School or May River High School shirts, sweatshirts, or athletic uniforms except on designated game days or by athletes on game days.
- Clothing that is excessively oversized or undersized, as determined by school administration.

Pants, Shorts, Skirts & Bottoms

Students may wear pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, or jumpers that are plain black or khaki with no graphics, patterns, embroidery, or ruffles. Bottoms must be hemmed, worn at the natural waist, and shorts, skirts, and skorts must be no shorter than the size of an ID Card above the top of the knee while standing.

*Only black sweatpants are allowed

Bottoms may not be more than one size larger or smaller than necessary, no sagging will be permitted. Leggings are not permitted to be used as standalone pants, even if they have pockets or are bell bottoms.

Not Permitted

- Jeans
- Sweatpants of other colors other than black
- Jogging pants
- Knit pants
- Overalls
- Athletic pants
- Yoga pants
- Jeggings
- Stretch or spandex material (ex. Leggings)
- Rolled pant legs
- Tightened pants around the ankles or knees
- Cargo pockets or cell phone pockets
- More than four pockets (2 front, 2 back)

Accessories & Outerwear

Leggings and tights must be solid school colors and opaque and may only be worn underneath an approved uniform bottom. Shorts, skirts, and skorts must still meet the length requirement.

Coats and jackets may be worn to and from school but must be removed upon entering the building. This includes coats, jackets, hoodies, ponchos, shawls, vests, and fleece outerwear.

Students must wear closed-toe, properly laced shoes. Heels must be less than 2 inches high. Crocs, flip-flops, and slippers are not permitted.

Jewelry and accessories must not disrupt the educational environment. Large pendants, chains, spikes, or other potentially dangerous items are prohibited.

Head coverings of any kind—including hats, caps, bandanas, visors, gloves, sunglasses, earmuffs, masks, curlers, and hoods—are not permitted unless otherwise approved.

Gang-related clothing, accessories, or symbols are prohibited. Hair color, hairstyles, piercings, and other personal adornments that are considered distracting to the educational environment are subject to administrative discretion. Belts must be worn if pants have belt loops, and oversized belt buckles are not permitted.

Administrative Discretion

School administration will make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of student attire. Exceptions may be made for documented religious or medical reasons, athletic events, field trips, or designated dress-up days. This policy may be amended at the discretion of school administration.