

Dress Code Guidelines

Upper School
2023-2024



General Appearance Guidelines

Below are the general guidelines for appearance at Maranatha. Staff and administration reserve the right to make the determination if a student is within dress code standards.

- No visible tattoos for students under 18. In accordance with Minnesota state law, students 18 and older may have visible tattoos that must be tasteful and reflect Maranatha's mission, values, and honor code. Tattoos showing blood, weaponry, or violence must be covered.
- No overcoats, windbreakers, or any other winter jackets are to be worn unless it is MCA Wear.
- No hats, caps, durags, scarves, wave caps, or sunglasses while in school halls and classrooms.
- No unnaturally colored hair, extreme hairstyles, or distracting hair accessories.
- No tank tops, unless used as an undershirt.
- No neon colored clothing items.
- No ill-fitting clothing, pants must be at appropriate waist level.
- Neatness, cleanliness, and modesty should be observed at all times.

Girl Specific

- Pierced ears are permitted for girls of any age. High School girls may wear a single, modest nose stud. No other body piercings are allowed.
- Dresses and skirts must be knee length or longer.
- Skirts may be 2" above the knees if accompanied by opaque (dark colored) tights or leggings.
- Blouses and tops must fit appropriately. Tight-fitting tops are not to be worn.

Boy Specific

- Hair must be neatly kept, hair accessories are not acceptable.
- Neatly trimmed facial hair is allowed.
- Nails are not to be painted.
- Makeup of any kind is not acceptable.
- High School boys may wear a single, solid colored stud in each ear. No spikes, hoops, or designs are permitted. No other body piercings are allowed. For PreK-8th male students; ear studs, earrings, or other visible piercings are not allowed any time, including out-of-dress code days.

Accepted Colors

Colors are to be of a single, solid and consistent color. Color blocking or contrasting colored trim are not allowed. No neon colors in any shade.

Pants and Shorts

- Navy Blue 
- Black 
- Khaki 
- Grey 
- Maroon 
- Forest Green 

Shoes

- Any color and pattern
(must not be distracting or inappropriate)

Ties, Belts, and Socks

- Any color and pattern
(must not be distracting or inappropriate)

Skirts, Dresses, Jumper, Dress Shirts, Polo Shirts, Undershirts, Sweatshirts, and Sweaters

- Shades of black 
- Shades of white 
- Shades of grey 
- Shades of blue 
- Shades of red 
- Shades of yellow 
- Shades of green 
- Shades of pink 
- Shades of purple 
- Shades of brown 
- Shades of orange 

Pants and Shorts

- Solid colored cotton, twill, chino, corduroy, dress pants, and cinched bottom pants.
- Colored denim is acceptable.
- Capri pants are acceptable for girls only.
- Elastic waist and cargo pockets are acceptable.



- **NO** shorts shorter than 4" above the knee.
- **NO** velvet, velour, or spandex fabrics.
- **NO** leggings, jeggings, or yoga styled pants.
- **NO** frayed or torn hems or holes.
- **NO** sweatpant or sweatpant joggers.
- **NO** blue jeans.

Skirts and Dresses

- Solid colored full, A-line, straight, plain, pleated, maxi, midi, T-shirt dress, sweater dress, or bib overall styles allowed.
- **5th & 6th graders:** Solid colored biker shorts or leggings are to be worn for recess modesty.
- Minimal length is to the top of the knee.
- May be worn no shorter than 2" above the knee when worn with opaque/solid tights or leggings.
- Logos 2" or under and singular are permitted.



- **NO** tank top or spaghetti strapped dresses without a T-shirt underneath.
- **NO** spandex fabrics.
- **NO** slits higher than the knee.
- **NO** ill-fitting skirts or dresses.
- **NO** mini skirts.

Jackets and Coats

- Solid colored sports coats or blazers allowed.
- Solid colored denim jackets allowed.
- Logos 2" and singular are permitted.
- Coats, blazers, and jackets are to be worn all day unless a polo, dress shirt, or newly branded MCA T-shirt is underneath.



- **NO** patches, graphics, embellishments, holes, rips, frays, or unsewn hemlines.
- **NO** outerwear allowed, except for MCA branded wind breakers and track jackets.

Dress Shirts

- Solid colored short or long sleeve shirts allowed.
- Must have a collar.
- Logos 2" or under and singular are permitted.



- **NO** exposed midriff or back at any time even when sitting, reaching, or bending.
- **NO** print, stripes, or pattern in the material.
- **NO** ill-fitting shirts.

Polo Shirts

- Solid colored short or long sleeve allowed.
- Must be long enough to cover the belt.
- Logos 2" or under and singular are permitted.
- Moisture wicking material is acceptable.



- **NO** exposed midriff or back at any time even when sitting, reaching, or bending.
- **NO** print, stripes, or pattern in the material.
- **NO** ill-fitting polos.

T-shirts

- All unaltered, MCA T-shirts are acceptable as part of regular dress code.

If not an MCA branded T-shirt:

- T-shirt must be solid colored and worn for layering only.



- **NO** exposed midriff or back at any time even when sitting, reaching, or bending.

If not an MCA branded T-shirt:

- **NO** visible logo, graphics, or lettering.
- **NO** lace, ruffles, or scalloped edges.

Sweaters and Sweatshirts

- Solid colored crewneck, V-neck, vest, hooded, zippered, or cardigan styles allowed.
- Solid colored shirt or MCA branded shirt must be worn under full zip or cardigan style items.
- Logos 2" or under and singular are permitted.
- All unaltered MCA sweatshirts, sweaters, and track jackets are acceptable.



- **NO** exposed midriff or back at any time even when sitting, reaching, or bending.
- **NO** wearing hoods during school day.

Shoes

- Athletic shoes, boots, or sandals of any color(s) are acceptable.
- Logos of any size are permitted.
- Items should be in appropriate condition for school environment.



- **NO** shoe lace holes without laces in them.
- **NO** excessive heels or platforms.
- **NO** slippers, athletic slides or flip-flop sandals.
- **NO** winter boots.
- **NO** shoes with wheels are permitted.

Spirit Fridays

- Every Friday, students may wear any MCA spirit wear top.
- Specific MCA club, activity, or sport tops are allowed.
- The MCA top, with graphics, must be visible throughout the school day.
- Spirit wear must not be altered from the original design (i.e. neckline or sleeves cut).
- Athletic co-op spirit wear tops are allowed during the season of participation.
- Athletic jerseys may be worn by athletes on game days only, no warm up bottoms.
- May wear blue jeans, solid colored sweatpants or athletic pants, or shorts that meet the following requirements:
 - * short length must be consistent with the dress code.
 - * holes in jeans are not permitted 4 finger-widths above the knee unless covered with opaque (dark-colored) fabric underneath.
 - * pants and shorts must be modest and well fitting.
 - * bottoms with holes or frayed edges should not be excessive, draw undue attention, or be immodest.



- **NO** homemade spirit wear.
- **NO** face paints.
- **NO** hair dye or pom-poms in hair.
- **NO** hoods, hats, caps, durags, scarves, wave caps, sunglasses, or other head coverings during school day.
- **NO** leggings, jeggings, or yoga styled pants.
- **NO** out of dress code pants without a **visible** MCA top.

College Wear

- The first Wednesday of each month, students are encouraged to wear spirit wear tops from their potential, committed, or current college.
- Students in grades 5-12 can participate.
- Seniors may wear their committed college's spirit wear tops on regular dress code days.
- Students in the A.A. degree program may wear Bethel spirit wear tops on regular dress code days.
- Standard dress code bottoms must be worn on college wear days.



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- **NO** face paints.
- **NO** hair dye or pom-poms in hair.
- **NO** hats, caps, or durags/wave caps.
- **NO** out of dress code bottoms.