

Dress Code Guidelines

Lower 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 body piercings of any type, except girls with pierced ears.
- Temporary tattoos are strongly discouraged and may require removal at school.
- No overcoats, windbreakers, or any other winter jackets are to be worn unless it is MCA Wear.
- No hats, caps, durags, wave caps, scarves, 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

- 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.
- Makeup is not to be worn to school. This includes tinted lip balm or lip balm with glitter. This applies to field trips as well.







Boy Specific

- Hair must be neatly kept, hair accessories are not acceptable.
- Nails are not to be painted.
- Makeup of any kind is not acceptable.

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.
- **Pre-K—3rd graders only:** solid colored biker shorts and leggings are acceptable.



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

Skorts, Skirts, Dresses, Jumpers

- Solid colored full, A-line, straight, pleated, T-shirt dress, sweater dress, polo dress, or bib overall styles allowed.
- Solid colored biker shorts or leggings are to be wear with skirts and dresses for recess modesty.
- Logos 2" or under and singular are permitted.
- Tank top/spaghetti strapped dresses must have a short-sleeve T-shirt underneath.



- **4th only:** No shorter than the top of the knee or 2" above with solid colored tights or leggings only.
- **NO** spandex fabrics.
- **NO** ill-fitting skirts or dresses.

Jackets and Coats

- Solid colored sports coats or blazers allowed.
- Solid colored denim jackets allowed.
- Logos 2" and singular are permitted.
- A polo, dress shirt, or newly branded MCA T-shirt must be worn under sports coats, blazers, denim jackets, or MCA track jackets.



- **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 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 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.
- A polo, dress shirt, or newly branded MCA T-shirt must be worn under full zip or button down 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

- **Pre-K—3rd:** Tennis or athletic shoes only.
- **Grades 4:** Tennis, athletic shoes, and boots (including Ugg-styled).
- Logos of any size are permitted.
- Items should be in appropriate condition for school environment.



- **NO** HEELY'S with wheel still attached.
- **NO** shoe lace holes without laces in them.
- **NO** heels or platforms over 2".
- **NO** slippers, athletic slides, or flip-flop sandals.
- **NO** slip on shoes.
- **NO** winter boots.

Spirit Fridays

- Every Friday, students may wear any MCA spirit wear top.
- Specific MCA club, activity, or sport items 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).
- May wear blue jeans, athletic pants, solid colored sweatpants, 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** hats, caps, durags, scarves, or wave caps.
- **NO** out of dress code pants without a **visible** MCA top.