

Dress Code

The purpose of the dress code is to establish guidelines within which students may be free to express individual tastes. These guidelines are to help students conduct themselves in a way that pleases God and glorifies Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12; 1 Peter 1:15, 16). Enforcement of the dress code depends upon cooperation among students, parents, and teachers. Final authority in subjective decisions during the school day shall rest with the MCS director.

Cleanliness, neatness, and appropriateness are expected (Romans 12: 1, 2). Attire that is unsafe, disruptive to the educational process, or detrimental to the student's Christian testimony should not be worn to school. The following are not allowed during the school day or at specified events:

- no flip-flops or high heels=dressier backless sandals are permitted as long as the student has other shoes for recess/PE
- no sleeveless tops with less than (3 adult finger width)
- no tops or pants that reveal abdomen or undergarments
- no tattoos (permanent or temporary)
- no disruptive hair color or style
- no piercings other than girls' earrings and only one pair
- no clothing with questionable words or symbols
- no shorts in October through April (shorts are allowed other months or for P.E. and must be no more than 4 inches above the knee). Weather permitting; the administration may make an exception.

Consequences of not following the dress code:

1st offense – Dress code violation completed/filed and sent home to be signed.

2nd offense: Parent is called to bring a change of attire. For cases of safety or disruption, the student may be kept in the office during recess or class at the discretion of the director.

3rd offense: Parent is called as above. Student remains in the office for two recess periods. Parent and student must meet with the director for discussion within two days.

Chapel Attire is required on the weekly chapel day for the entire day, and for some special events announced in advance:

Girls: skirts, dresses, or dress slacks: no jeans or shorts.

Boys: dress pants and shirt; no jeans or shorts.

Performance Attire: follows chapel rules and will be combinations of black, white, gray or teal/turquoise to match the school colors.

Weather: wear appropriate coats, hats, etc. for recess, which will be held outdoors except in extreme cold or rain. Students will not have the option of staying inside unless there is a medical reason, for which a parent must send a note requesting indoor recess.