

Dress Code

Early Elementary (K-2)

There is no “uniform” for the younger students. However, the following dress code should be followed:

Shoes: Tennis shoes are best. Remember, tennis shoes offer the best support and protection for little feet during both indoor and outdoor play. Fashion boots and dress shoes with a very low heel may be worn. Flip-flops, slides, or shoes with wheels, lights, or sound should not be worn. *Snow and rain boots are not classroom shoes. These should be changed upon arriving. Any sandal that is worn must have a strap around the ankle. If your child cannot yet tie their own shoes, please send them with a velcro option.

Clothing: Comfortable clothing that is easy for children to move around in and take last minute bathroom breaks is best. Dresses/skirts may be worn with shorts or tights underneath. Tights or leggings are always required under dresses and skirts when shorts are not allowed. Torn clothing and clothing that reflects unchristian or anti-social values is NOT allowed.

*No makeup allowed. This includes lip gloss.

General-For Every Student:

- No makeup allowed until Grade 6
- No gauging or large dangling earrings, only one earring per ear
- No body or facial piercings
- No visible tattoos (including temporary)
- No bandanas
- No clothing or jewelry that reflects unchristian or anti-social values
- Hats and jackets to be worn outside only
- Shorts can be worn only during the first and fourth quarter
- No torn/ripped clothing

Every Friday is MCCS T-shirt/hoodie and Jeans Day. Students may wear jeans, if they wear a school spirit shirt.

Grades 3 and up-Modified Uniform Dress

Dresses: Girls may wear dresses or skirts with a hemline no shorter than approximately an adult’s hand width (3”) from the top of the knee. Dresses must have sleeves. Shorts/Tights must always be worn under dresses and skirts thru grade 5. Tights or leggings must be worn under all dresses/skirts during the months that shorts are not allowed (all grades). **Colors for Dresses:** Any solid color or small print. No pictures (images) or words. **Colors for skirts:** Any neutral solid color or a plaid—gray, black, navy, brown, beige, or white

Shirt Styles: Turtlenecks, short and long-sleeved polo’s, button-up dress Shirts, sweaters, and cardigans allowed. Solid color fleece (full zip, quarter-zip or crew) allowed. School t-shirts only allowed on Fridays or for select field trips or events. **Colors for Shirts:** ANY solid color. Button-up dress shirts may be patterned.

Styles of pants: Casual dress pants, khakis, corduroys, cargo pants, capris, dress shorts, or khaki shorts allowed (no athletic shorts). Short length must fall within an adult’s hand width from the top of the knee. No jeans of any color, yoga pants, or leggings (unless under skirts or dresses). **Colors for Pants:** Solid Color Neutrals--gray, black, navy, brown, beige, or white.

Shoes: Tennis shoes, dress shoes, loafers, docksiders, oxfords, saddle shoes, and fashion boots under 1” heel are allowed. Flat, soft-soled boots are best. *Tennis shoes for P.E. are required* No heels over 1” (including wedges). No boots can go over the knee. No snow or rain boots in the classroom. No sandals, flip-flops, slides, shoes with rollers, or shoes of wood or wooden construction. **Socks:** Socks of any color may be worn.

Hair: Only natural hair colors allowed. Hair should not hang over the eyes. Hair styles may not have stripes, razor cut images, patterns, or words, tails, mullets, or mohawks.

AFTER SCHOOL AND EVENING EVENTS: For after school events (without going home) students are normally required to remain in school dress. For an evening or weekend event, students may usually wear non-dress code clothing. However, the principal and teachers are authorized to require dress code for a certain event and may ask a student to remove or change out of clothing that reflects an unchristian message. **Note:** The teacher and/or principal have the final authority concerning dress code. We ask that parents cooperate in these decisions. Unless the violation needs immediate attention, teachers normally give a verbal warning, followed by written warnings. Students in grades 5-8 that choose to disregard the dress code repeatedly (more than three instances) will face additional discipline measures.