



INTRODUCTION

Our desire at MCA is to be distinctively Christian in attitude, action, and appearance (I Cor. 10:31; Rom. 15:5-6). Our Dress Code reflects, but does not define, the Christian nature of the school and is based on the Biblical principles of modesty, neatness, safety, and appropriateness. It provides students with several options that meet these standards while at the same time providing the uniformity necessary for consistency. It helps foster an atmosphere of student excellence since it reflects the serious nature of learning by being different from clothing worn during play or leisure. Parents have the primary responsibility to make sure their children are dressed appropriately for school and are conforming to the Dress Code, which allows school staff to focus on teaching and relationships and students to focus on their education rather than on secondary concerns.

GENERAL

1. Students may only wear uniforms purchased through Student Styles of Latham or Land's End with the exception of oxford and turtleneck shirts, which must comply with the fit and colors specified in "Specific Guidelines." Students must be in full uniform the entire day while on school grounds.
2. All clothing must comply with the Dress Code at all times and be neat, clean, in good repair, and the appropriate size for the student (not oversized, sloppy, or tight-fitting) and worn properly. All clothing must be modest—not revealing or see-through. Alterations to the uniform are unacceptable; e.g., shortening skirts, rolling, altering or adding to the uniform.
3. Students are expected to be clean and well-groomed and to practice good physical hygiene.
4. Dress and grooming must never contradict MCA's Biblical values. Logos, wording, and/or styles that violate Biblical principles of wholesomeness, modesty, and/or politeness are never appropriate at school functions of any kind. Any clothing, jewelry, or grooming style which calls attention to itself and/or is disruptive in any way at school or school functions is unacceptable.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

1. School Spirit days: students may wear modest-fit MCA apparel (T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.) with neat, modest-fit jeans or uniform pants. Seniors have some special School Spirit Days.
2. Athletic events: modest-fit, casual clothing such as neat jeans, athletic apparel, and T-shirts are acceptable provided they comply with the "General" requirements listed above.
3. Dress code for special functions and occasions such as field trips, banquets, and graduation-related activities will be announced as necessary. Students may not be allowed to participate in activities if not dressed properly, regardless of whether a fee has been paid or not.

ENFORCEMENT

1. *Parents are expected to support the school's position when questions arise. Interpretation of the dress code rests ultimately and solely with the administration. The school reserves the right to evaluate and place restrictions as needed as new fashions and fads emerge.*
2. The administration may refuse to allow a student to attend classes or an event until the student is in the required attire. In these cases, the parent/guardian of the student may be called to either bring in the needed attire or to take the student home to change. The student is responsible for any class work missed as a result, and class time missed will be considered unexcused and usual attendance policies will apply. The student will be subject to further disciplinary action
3. Students wearing acceptable clothing in an unacceptable manner are subject to disciplinary action.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

All garments (with the exception of oxford and turtleneck shirts, shoes, socks, and undergarments) must be approved uniforms purchased through Lands End on-line or Student Styles (284 Troy Schenectady Rd., Latham, NY • 220-9244).

Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys & Girls: flat-front or pleated navy or tan uniform pants Must be hemmed or cuffed; not to be touching the floor or higher than the ankle K-4 students may wear the uniform pants or neat blue denim jeans
Shorts Capris Skorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long navy/tan uniform shorts or cargo shorts (Land's End) may be worn May – October Girls (K-12) may wear navy or tan uniform skorts or capris year-round
Skirts/Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls may wear navy, tan, or plaid skirts, kilts, and jumpers instead of pants. Approximately knee-length (no more than 2" above the knee)
Shirts & Blouses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys: white, light blue, navy, or yellow MCA polo or white or light blue Oxford shirts buttoned except for top button; oxford shirts may be untucked only if worn under a sweater Girls: white, light blue, navy or yellow MCA polo, white, light blue Peter Pan blouse, or Oxford shirt buttoned except for top button; oxford shirts may be worn untucked Both: white or navy turtlenecks may only be worn under a long-sleeve shirt, sweater, fleece, or jumper (girls); polo shirts may be worn untucked; long-sleeve shirts may not be worn under short-sleeve shirts
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys: clean sneakers or shoes; laces must be tied; no neon colors, leather sandals (not flip flop style) Girls: clean sneakers, shoes, or leather dress sandals; no heels more than 3" from the floor to the bottom of the foot; no spike heels of any height; no neon colors. Dress boots only-no UGGS or UGGS-type style Boys & Girls: no cleats, moccasins, thong or no rubber/plastic footwear; no athletic sandals (e.g., flip-flops, jellies, crocks etc.) No socks are to be worn with sandals.
Legwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stockings, socks, tights, hose, or leggings must be solid navy, black, gray, white, or tan (no patterns, lace, etc.)
Belts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be worn if pant loops show; not required at all for grades K-4
Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCA sweaters, fleeces, or team outerwear (not sweatshirts, hoodies) are optional for indoors; must be worn with an MCA collared uniform shirt No other outerwear permitted to be worn inside the building
Undergarments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate undergarments must be worn but not be visible Only solid white, navy or gray T-shirts may be worn under shirts; no writing on them
Jewelry & Tattoos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No extreme or excessive jewelry including body-piercing jewelry (except earrings for girls); no wallet/pocket chains may be visible No tattoos (real or fake) may be visible
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys: clean, neat, and well-groomed, should be cut in such a way that it will not come over the ears, collar or eyebrows at anytime; facial hair must be neatly groomed and not distracting Girls: clean and neat Boys & Girls: No distracting or extreme hairstyles or colors allowed including unnatural hair colors, designs extreme clipper cuts or unnatural color highlights
Headwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not to be worn inside the building unless arriving or leaving (including sunglasses)
Make-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls: tasteful, not excessive, giving a natural appearance. Not allowed for K-6
Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys: conservative ties may be worn only with oxford shirts Girls: ties must be purchased from Student Styles/Land's End and may only be worn with oxford shirts
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in grades K-4 need sneakers for gym class. Students in grades 5-12 need sneakers and an MCA gym uniform which must be purchased from Land's End.