

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

NINTH - TWELFTH GRADE

High school students are not required to wear the same uniform as the Elementary or Middle School, but are required to adhere to a dress code during school hours, and during all school events and activities.

Students who come to school not adhering to the dress code must immediately change to acceptable attire, call to have a parent bring them clothing to change into, or immediately leave the campus until changed into appropriate clothing. Notes from parents excusing student's clothing, will not always be accepted by the school as reasons for excuse.

The standards outlined here are designed to assist you in preparation for leadership by applying Biblical standards of cleanliness, modesty, and propriety in grooming and dress. As Christians, the way we present ourselves to others affects the way they perceive Christ and may affect the impact we have with them. We are asking students not to draw undue attention to themselves either in dress or appearance.

Christians should avoid any identification with any group that is in rebellion against God or society. MCA students should strive for Biblical unity and not intentionally create controversy or unrest within the school community by wearing clothing that has offensive political statements or controversial cultural ideations.

In keeping with a standard of Christian modesty, students are asked to observe the following guidelines:

All Students

- Students should groom and dress in a clean manner appropriate to an academic and church environment.
- Students should maintain high standards of cleanliness, moderate grooming, and modest apparel.
- Plan ahead for clothing cleaning needs. This is not an acceptable excuse for not following the dress code. It is important to have more than one set of school appropriate outfits.
- Hair should not be styled in an extreme manner.
- All students are to be dressed and groomed appropriately for their biologically assigned gender. We believe that men should refrain from any feminine appearance, just as women should refrain from any masculine appearance.
- All students are expected to wear appropriate clothing to all classes and chapel services.

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- Inappropriately tight-fitting pants or shorts are not appropriate at any time.
- Shirts with sleeves (long or short) are required at all times while on campus. Shirts need to cover the torso with no visible skin showing.
- Sleeveless shirts/tank tops are not allowed while in classes or in hallways for passing. Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are only allowed for athletes while at sports practices/games, and should adequately cover the torso.
- Shorts should not be shorter than approximately a hand width above the top of the knee.
- Fashionably distressed jeans with rips and holes in them are allowed, as long as the skin showing through is at the same level as required for shorts, approximately a hand width above the top of the knee.
- Lycra-type spandex shorts may be worn only under regular shorts.
- No pajama pants/shirts, or onesie-type outfits except on planned school spirit day activities.
- Blankets are not to be brought to school, but may be brought on long bus trips for games/field trips
- No visible facial piercings (lips, nose, eyebrows, etc), ear gauges, or visible facial tattoos. Ear piercings are permitted, but should not be extreme.

Female Students

- Clothes may be flattering but not sensual.
- Any clothes that are extremely tight fitting, tops with low necklines or that allow midriff exposures are not appropriate at school or school sponsored events. This applies to both casual and formal wear.
- Shirts need to cover the torso during all forms of movement, with no visible cleavage or midriff showing, (sleeves, long or short are required).
- Sleeveless shirts/tank tops are not allowed while in classes. Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are only allowed while at sports practices, and should adequately cover the torso.
- Sleeveless shirts/tank top shoulder straps may be no smaller than 4" in width, and armholes may be no more than 2" below the armpit. Strapless tops are not allowed.
- The length of dresses/skirts should be no shorter than approximately a hand width above the top of the knee.
- The length of shorts should be no shorter than approximately a hand width above the top of the knee.
- Fashionably distressed jeans with rips and holes in them are allowed, as long as the skin showing through is at the same level as required for dresses and skirts at approximately a hand width above the top of the knee.
- Lycra-type spandex legging pants may be worn, but must be worn with tops that cover the front and backside during all forms of movement AND extend to the fingertips when arms are extended. Lycra-type spandex shorts may be worn only under regular shorts.
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