

DRESS CODE

Rationale

The guiding principles for school apparel and personal appearance are modesty, appropriateness and neatness, as well as an alignment with the student's biblical identity in Christ. The MGCS dress code is designed to create an atmosphere that is both conducive to sound educational practices and reflective of modesty and consideration of others.

We acknowledge that many of our dress guidelines do not carry the weight of biblical mandates. As we are an academic institution, many of our requirements are simply traditional good standards for the educational "marketplace." We believe that a degree of professionalism in students' dress and appearance often correlates with higher quality in their work and conduct, and also limits distractions for other students. Our administration reserves the right to assess student compliance or non-compliance with our guiding principles for dress code and personal appearance in all school settings or school sponsored events.

It is also our desire to make dress a "non-issue" by eliminating the social differences and status symbols that students sometimes associate with clothing and by eliminating the need for staff to make subjective judgments about the appropriateness or inappropriateness of particular articles of clothing. Adherence to our dress code, along with a consideration of others, will allow us to move on together to the deeper questions of life and godliness.

Girl's Dress Code

(Please see Casual Day Dress Code Policy in the next chapter for those requirements)

Tops: Kindergarten through 5th grade girls may wear white, navy blue, dark green or burgundy short or long sleeved classic collared polo shirts with buttons without a logo. 6th- 8th graders may wear any solid color polo shirt or long sleeved classic collared polo shirt without a logo. Polo shirts may not be form fitting.

- Sweaters and sweatshirts (plain without a logo, no writing, etc.) are permitted in navy blue, dark green, burgundy, black, gray, white, light blue or pink.
- MGCS sweatshirts (sold by MGCS) are approved for classroom wear.
- Turtlenecks or t-shirts in white or the color shirt they are wearing are approved for under the uniform top.
- MGCS official T-shirts may be worn in addition to polo shirts any day of the week.
- Students may have any color/style outer coat, but it may not be worn in the classroom.
- Uniforms should conceal the midriff area.

Bottoms: Kindergarten through 8th grade girls may wear pants, shorts and capris in navy blue or khaki. They must be traditional in cut and style and not tight-fitting. No sweatpants, athletic, corduroy, leggings, or velour fabrics are allowed.

- K-5th graders may wear skorts and jumpers in kahki or navy blue. They may also wear solid white or navy tights or leggings under shorts, skirts, or skorts.
- Middle school students may not wear skirts or skorts during the school day. Skirts of appropriate length may be worn for after school formal activities.
- Shorts for all Middle School students must have at least a 7" inseam. Shorts may not be rolled, and only khaki and navy colors are allowed. No jean shorts.
- In addition to existing approved uniform bottoms, students in all grades may wear blue jeans any day of the week. Jeans may not have holes or rips, have an appropriate fit and not be too tight.

Footwear: Dress, casual, tennis shoes or sandals are allowed but no flip-flops. All shoes must have a heel strap. No shoes with wheels. Sneakers/tennis shoes are to be worn for P.E.

Socks: Any socks, as long as they are not offensive, are permitted.

Hair: Should be clean and neat at all times, with no distracting colors or styles.

Jewelry: No pierced body jewelry, beside small earrings, may be worn due to safety issues.

Make up: Should be subtle and not distracting.

Boy's Dress Code

(Please see Casual Day Dress Code Policy in the next chapter for those requirements)

Tops: Kindergarten through 5th grade boys may wear white, navy blue, dark green or burgundy short or long sleeved classic collared polo shirt with buttons without a logo. 6th-8th graders may wear any solid color shirt or long sleeved classic collared polo shirt without a logo.

- Sweaters and sweatshirts (plain without a logo, no writing, etc.) are permitted in navy blue, dark green, burgundy, black, gray, white, light blue or pink.
- MGCS sweatshirts (sold by MGCS) are approved for classroom wear.
- Turtlenecks or t-shirts in white or the color shirt they are wearing are approved for under the uniform top.
- MGCS official T-shirts may be worn in addition to polo shirts any day of the week.
- Students may have any color/style outer coat but it may not be worn in the classroom.
- Uniforms should conceal the midriff area.

Bottoms: Pants or shorts in navy blue or khaki are permitted. Cargo type shorts are not permitted. They should fit appropriately and not be too tight or saggy. Pants should be the long, classic style type pants. No athletic, corduroy or sweatpants are allowed.

- Shorts for all Middle School students must have at least a 7" inseam. Shorts may not be rolled, and only khaki and navy colors are allowed. No jean shorts.

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Footwear: Dress, casual, tennis shoes or sandals are allowed but no flip-flops. All shoes must have a heel strap. No shoes with wheels.

Socks: Any socks, as long as they are not offensive, are permitted.

Hair: Should be clean and neat at all times, with no distracting colors or styles. Hair must not be below the eyebrows unless it is kept back away from the face. All young men must be clean-shaven with hair no longer than collar length. Buns and ponytails are not acceptable.

Jewelry: No boys may have earrings or body jewelry.

Casual Dress Policy

The FIRST FRIDAY of each month is designated as Casual Dress Day, in addition, other casual day dress days may be added. During casual dress day, students should abide by the following guidelines:

Pants and Shorts

Students may wear jeans or any color pants or shorts of appropriate length and fit. Students may NOT wear spandex pants, cotton stretch pants, sweat pants, or other athletic pants with an elastic waistband. All pants should be worn at or near the waist as intended. No athletic shorts or other shorts with an elastic waistband are allowed.

Shirts/Tops

Casual dress may include T-shirts. T-shirts must be in good condition and not have any inappropriate words, artwork, or “groups” featured on them whose work is contrary to the philosophy of MGCS. Tank, midriff, halter, low-cut, tight-fitting, see-through, form-fitting or cropped tops are not allowed.

Dresses

For special events, the administration may give certain guidelines. Strapless dresses or tops are never allowed. Dresses should not be short.

Shoes

Casual, dress, tennis shoes and sandals with heel straps are allowed. No flip-flops or shoes without rear straps are allowed. No shoes with wheels (Heelys) or shoes of that type are permitted.

Not Allowed

- Hats (except for designated days)
- Distracting hair colors (except for designated days)
- Body piercing jewelry or visible tattoos