

Mountain Home Christian Academy

Dress Code and Appearance Standards

-Grades 1st – 12th-

MHCA students can honor God and reflect Christian values and character by taking pride in being **well groomed** and **neatly dressed** in clothing that is **respectful** and **modest**. Uniforms instill a sense of belonging, school pride, and self-discipline while fostering character development and encouraging academic excellence without the stress of competitive dress. We believe the cooperation of students, parents and academy personnel is necessary in maintaining the standards of the uniform and dress code. Please be mindful of this when academy clothes are purchased. Implementing the dress code is not the sole responsibility of the academy. Parents are asked to monitor their child's attire.

Students must arrive and remain in the MHCA school uniform during school hours.

Students are expected to adhere to the dress code and appearance standards for all academy functions unless otherwise instructed in writing. For questions, please contact the academy administration.

Should a student be found "out of uniform" and/or "dress code", parent will be notified and expected to bring a change of clothes that adhere to handbook policy.

Uniform

Shirts - Solid, polo style shirts, *embroidered with the school logo, in school colors of **red, white, black or gray** shall be worn. Shirts may be short or long-sleeved. Girls may wear sleeveless, classic, polo style shirts during warm weather months (tank tops/spaghetti straps not allowed). Solid colored **white, gray, black or red** t-shirts (short or long-sleeved), and turtleneck shirts may be worn under polo shirts. Shirts must be the appropriate size and length for each child.

*MHCA logo can be embroidered on clothing you have purchased for a nominal fee at "Remember Me Quilt Shop" and "Cotton Company" in Mountain Home.

Polo Exchange Closet: existing polo's may be exchanged for larger sizes, at no cost, as your child(ren) grow. These gently used items may also be purchased for a nominal fee of \$3.00 per item.

Pants/Shorts - Must be **solid**, in school colors (**red, white, black, gray**), denim or khaki. Must not be faded, frayed, dingy-looking, or with holes. Short-length pants should not be more than the width of a dollar bill (2½") above the kneecap when standing. They must be the appropriate size and length for each child. Leggings/yoga pants are NOT considered pants. Leggings may be worn under skirts or dresses.

Skirts/skorts/jumpers/capris - May be worn by girls and must be **solid**, in school colors (**red, white, black, gray**), denim or khaki. Must not be frayed, dingy-looking, or with holes. Must be no more than the width of a dollar bill (2½") above kneecap when standing. Shorts should be worn under skirts. Solid color leggings, tights, or yoga pants in school colors (red, white, black, gray) may be worn under skirts.

Dresses - Girls may wear solid, polo style dresses, embroidered with the school logo, in school colors of **red, white, black or gray**. Shorts should be worn under dresses.

Uniforms must be worn Monday-Friday unless students has met the requirements for Privilege Day on Fridays or on other designated days such as field trips or spirit days. Please refer to page 13 for Privilege Day requirements. Thursday is school t-shirt day.

MHCA T-shirt may be worn on Privilege Day or Spirit Days.

Dress code - Students are expected to observe neatness and cleanliness in dress and grooming. Dress or grooming which is sloppy or disruptive to the operation and standards of MHCA will not be permitted.

Shoes - Must be worn at all times and appropriate for outdoor play (and playground for K4 and K5). All shoes must have a "back". **No flip flops or strapless shoes are allowed.** "Heely"-type roller shoes are not allowed. House-slippers are not allowed. Non-marking shoes are to be worn on the gymnasium floor.

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Outdoor Winter coats/sweaters/jackets/hoodies - May be worn to school and while students are outside during cold weather. Not for indoor use.

DEFINITION OF JACKET: A garment with sleeves for the upper body having a front opening (NOT something you pull over your head).

All winter coats/sweaters/jackets/jackets with hoods (including but not limited to: fleece, vests, quilted flannel, sweatshirt, and lightweight nylon) **MUST be solid, in school colors (red, white, black, gray). MUST not have lettering or logos other than MHCA.** Must not be faded, frayed, dingy-looking, or with holes.

Accessories – girls may wear minor accessories in school colors only.

Fads - Fads are NOT permitted, including but not limited to: body piercing (with the exception of pierced ears for girls; no more than two sets of earrings, worn on the ear lobes only), fad bracelets, fad haircuts, fad hair coloring, feathers, gothic jewelry, chains, and leather; clothing with logos, emblems, patches, messages or symbols that disrespect the American flag or are questionable (promote drugs, alcohol, violence, tobacco/including vaping, obscenity, vulgarity, sex, Satanism, etc.). This list is not all-inclusive and may change with time. The student's appearance is subject to the approval of the staff and administration.

The following are specifically prohibited:

Bagging/sagging pants
Bare feet
Bare midriff
Body or hair paint
Body piercings (exception: girls may wear earrings, limited to 2 sets total, worn on lobes only)
Clothing of extreme style
Clothing that does not fit properly (size, style)
Clothing that is inappropriately ripped or torn
Dress or hairstyle contrary to good hygiene
Dress or hairstyle which is distracting
Gaudy necklaces/chains/beads
Goth style clothing/attire, accessories, hair, cosmetics
Flip flops, strapless shoes, Heely roller shoes, house slippers
Halter tops
Indoor wearing of hats/caps
Leggings (exception if worn under skirts or dresses)
Provocative clothing (revealing - transparent, low cut, tight/form-fitting)
Shorts/skorts/skirts/jumpers no shorter than 2.5 inches above the knee
Sleeveless shirts (exception: classic polo-style shirts for girls)
Spaghetti straps that are exposed (camisole tops may be worn under other tops that are closed in front)
Sunglasses (unless permitted for special school events)
Sweat pants
Tank tops
Tops with openings on the back or front
Visible tattoos
Yoga pants (exception if worn under skirts or dresses)

Hair— hair must be kept clean, neat, well-trimmed, well-groomed/styled, and natural in color (no blue, pink, purple, etc.). Boys' hair should be no longer than to the top of the eyebrows and the top of the collar; must be kept out of face/eyes; may graze but not fully cover the ears.

Facial Hair— Facial hair or side facial hair is not allowed.