

Mountain Home Christian Academy  
**Dress Code and Appearance Standards**  
**-Early Education Building-**

**Dress Code/Uniform:** MHCA students can reflect Christian values and character by being **well groomed** and **neatly dressed** in clothing that is **respectful** and **modest**. The cooperation of students, parents and academy personnel is necessary in maintaining the standards of the dress code/uniform. 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 are expected to adhere to the dress and appearance standards for all academy functions unless otherwise instructed in writing. For questions regarding appropriate dress, please contact the academy administration.

Should a student be found out of uniform and/or not within dress code, parents will be notified and expected to bring a change of clothes that adheres to dress code 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 polo style shirts during warm weather months. (Tank tops are not allowed except as an under layer) Solid colored, school colors (white, gray, black or red) Tee 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.

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

**Pants/Capri/Shorts** - Must be **solid** in school colors (black, white, gray or red), khaki, or denim. Should not be faded, frayed, dingy-looking, or with holes. Short-length pants should not be more than the width of a dollar bill ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " ) above the kneecap when standing. They must be the appropriate size and length for each child. Sweat pants are not allowed. **Leggings, tights, or yoga pants are NOT considered pants; however they may be worn only under skirts or dresses.**

**Skirts/skorts/jumpers** - May be worn by girls and must be in school colors (black, white, gray or red), khaki, or denim. Should not be frayed, dingy-looking, or with holes. They should be no more than the width of a dollar bill ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " ) above kneecap when standing. Shorts should be worn under skirts. Leggings and/or tights may be worn under skirts, dresses, or jumpers. They **MUST** be **SOLID** school colors (red, black, white, or gray)

**Shoes** - Must be worn at all times. Only tennis shoes may be worn, with the exception of winter weather boots during the winter season.

"Heely"-type roller shoes, flip-flops, sandals of any kind, and house-slippers are not allowed.

Non-marking shoes are to be worn on the gymnasium floor.

**Coats, Sweaters, and Jackets-** May be worn to school and while students are outside during cold weather. **While inside**, coats, sweaters, and jackets (including, but not limited to: fleece, vests, quilted flannel, sweatshirts, and lightweight nylon) are not to be worn, unless the classrooms are extremely cold as determined

by the administration. If your child has a tendency to be cold in the classroom, please consider having them wear a long-sleeved T-shirt, turtleneck, or mock-turtleneck under their polo shirt (also in school colors). **Outerwear (such as cardigan sweaters, hoodies, etc.) that a student would have on inside of the school building is to be solid and coordinate with school colors.** Should not be faded, frayed, dingy-looking or with holes and **should not have lettering or branding logos other than MHCA.**

**T-Shirt Day** – One day per week students are allowed to wear their MHCA school t-shirt in place of uniform polo shirts. The day of the week will be announced at the beginning of the school year.

**Fads** – Fads are not permitted. Fads that are **not** appropriate for school include, but are not limited to: body piercing (with the exception of pierced ears for girls), visible tattoos, fad bracelets, haircuts, scarves, feathers, gothic jewelry, chains as accessories, and leather. 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.

### **Consequences for Breach of Dress Code**

Parents shall be contacted and clarification provided with a request for them to correct the issue with their child(ren). Parents may be asked to bring a change of clothes to MHCA for their child. If this does not resolve the matter, a conference may be requested that may include the child, child's parents, and administration.