



Midland Christian Secondary School Dress Code 2023-2024

Shirts/Tops/Blouses/Outerwear/Dresses/Skirts

1. Shirts, tops, blouses, dresses, skirts, and outerwear meet the following criteria:
 - a. Solid Colors
 - i. Red
 - ii. Royal Blue/Navy
 - iii. White
 - iv. Gray
 - v. Black
 - b. Design
 - i. Collared
 - ii. Button up
 - iii. Crew neck
 - iv. $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ zip
 - v. Long/short sleeve
2. MCS branded garments (MCS logo, #PonyUp, Go Mustangs!, etc.) that follow dress code criteria are allowed.
3. Hoodies/sweatpants are not allowed. If a student is traveling for extra-curricular activities he/she may wear a hoodie/sweatpants once they are off-campus.
4. Dresses or skirts must be to the knee in length if not longer (no exceptions). Dresses must be worn with shorts or leggings (no mesh or see-through) underneath.
5. College shirts are not allowed except for announced spirit and/or College & Career Readiness days.
6. Shirts with straps less than 3 inches wide are not allowed.
7. Attire that promotes secular musicians/bands/causes or includes offensive language/phrases is not allowed.
8. Hats may not be worn inside school buildings except in our gym spaces during sporting events.
9. Logo Clarification:
 - a. Small, name-brand logos on the pocket or chest area are allowed for clothing without an MCS logo.

Pants/Jeans/Shorts

1. Pants, jeans, shorts colors and designs:
 - a. Solid Colors
 - i. Royal Blue/Navy
 - ii. Khaki
 - iii. Gray
 - iv. Black
 - v. Red
 - b. Design
 - i. Denim
 - ii. Slacks
 - iii. Golf-style
2. Distressed, ripped, holey, and/or patterned jeans are not permissible.

3. Shorts must be knee length (no exceptions). Gym/running shorts are not permissible.
4. Joggers, leggings/yoga pants (as standalone garments), fleece or sweatpant material pants are not permissible.
5. Waistline
 - a. A belt is not required unless pants sag or fall below the waistline.
 - b. Tucking in shirts is not required as long as students are neat in appearance.
 - c. If the midriff/skin is visible, students will be asked to change shirts or put on an undershirt. ALL undershirts must be in dress code. Elastic waistbands are allowed.

Hair

1. Radical hairstyles are not appropriate (i.e. unnatural color or extreme cuts/shaved designs).
2. Young men should keep their hair clean and well groomed at all times and should not be longer in the back than the bottom of the collar on a regular dress shirt, nor be longer than the bottom of the ear on the sides, and the bangs cannot be longer than the top of the eyebrow.
3. Young men should not have facial hair.

Piercings/Tattoos

1. No tongue rings or body piercings (except girl's ear lobes) are accepted.
2. If a student has a tattoo, it must be covered at all times. MCS stick-on tattoos are permitted on school spirit days.

**Please note: Crossdressing is not allowed nor does MCS provide extra clothes for students who are not in dress code.*

Please see the images below for secondary dress code examples for our students:





YOUTH/ADULT BOYS

OUTERWEAR IDEAS



This photo shows appropriate shorts' length/style.



These photos show inappropriate pants' styles and inappropriate shorts' length/style.

As you consider any financial advantage related to purchasing attire for the 2023-2024 school year, the next State of Texas tax-free holiday is August 11-13. Since school will already be in session, we are allowing a two week grace period at the beginning of school to adjust to the new dress code and allow parents a cost savings opportunity during that tax free holiday.

Thank you dads, moms, and students for promoting MCS school spirit and for helping us create and maintain a God-honoring, distraction free learning environment. We are grateful to be in this partnership with you!

Your MCS Administration

Frequently Asked Questions:

What about various shades of colors?

Our preference is to be as close to official school colors as possible.

Are "heathered" shirts allowed?

Yes. However, we ask that you please stay as close to school colors as possible.

Do I have to purchase only through the Spirit Store?

Since proceeds from the Spirit Store help all MCS students, we highly encourage you to purchase through the Store. However, you are welcome to purchase garments from any outlet that meets dress code guidelines.

What if I have other questions?

We encourage you to check first with your child's teacher or your child's principal for clarification on dress code. Since this is a new dress code, we expect this next school year to be a learning experience for everyone. We will adapt as needed as we plan for 2024 and beyond.