

Elementary & Middle School Dress Code

DRESS CODE | The standards of dress and appearance for students at Marin Christian Academy are based upon good taste, modesty, cleanliness, comfort, safety, and practicality. They are intended to encourage reverence towards God, to show respect to the school and its faculty, to build school spirit, and to give priority to the development of the inner-self over outward appearance. All clothing should be neat, clean, and without holes.

The following standards are not intended to be all-encompassing but to serve as a guideline. It is the responsibility of all parents to understand the dress code and assist their students in following the guidelines:

Please visit our online uniform store: landsend.com/schooluniforms

***ALL SHIRTS | Classic Navy or Burgundy Polo Shirts - MCA Logo** required through Lands' End on all shirts. Shirts must be appropriately sized. Shirt hems must not be frayed or stretched out. Button-up shirts must be tucked in at all times. Refer to Lands' End for current uniform shirt offerings.

***ALL PANTS | Classic Navy or Khaki (tan)** plain-front or elastic-waist pants. Cargo pants (with pockets on the side) are not permitted. No holes in the knees.

BELTS | Solid colors: Black, Brown, or Navy Blue. Belts are recommended for pants and shorts with a belt loop.

SKIRTS/SKORTS/JUMPERS (Girls) | Classic Navy, Khaki, or Clear Blue Plaid Length: may not be shorter than 2" above the knee. A-Line Skirt, Pleated Skirt, or Long Chino Skort. "Clear Blue Plaid" jumpers and skirts can only be purchased through Lands' End. Leggings are suggested under skirts.

SHORTS | Classic Navy or Khaki (tan) Length – may not be shorter than two inches above the knee. Must be appropriately sized around the waist. Flared or cargo shorts (pockets on side) are not permitted.

SOCKS | Socks or tights must be worn at all times. Tights, knee high socks, and ankle length leggings must be blue, black or white. Solid colors ONLY with no designs. Ankle and crew socks are acceptable.

SHOES | All shoes must have a closed toe and a closed heel (1" heel maximum). Sandals are not permitted. Athletic shoes are recommended for all students.

INDOOR LAYER: Any extra layer worn in the classroom for warmth should be school uniform color (Classic Navy, Burgundy, Khaki or White). School logos are encouraged, but not required. We consider the MCA school logo sweatshirt to be an acceptable option.

COATS/JACKETS | Coats and jackets are considered "outerwear." They may be any color with no objectionable words or pictures. No trench coats.

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HAIR ACCESSORIES | Boys' hair is not to extend past the tops of the ears or eyes and is not to touch the collar. Short, neat cut hair at all times. No shaved portions of the head (mohawks) or designs dyed/cut in. Hair colors may not be extreme – and are not to deviate from the spectrum of natural colors.

JEWELRY | No heavy or long dangling jewelry, necklaces, bracelets or earrings. **Boys:** No earrings, other piercings or nail polish. **Girls:** No piercing other than ears. Limit 3 per ear. Elementary girls/boys are not allowed to wear makeup. Makeup for middle school students should be minimal with natural colors. No tattoos permanent or temporary.

SPECIAL EVENTS - “Uniform or Better” Dress Code

- No jeans please
- Collared shirt and pants for boys
- Dress or pants/skirt with a dressy blouse for girls (no sleeveless dresses or tops)

FREE DRESS RULES:

Students must have a coupon to participate in Free Dress (Fridays).

- Coupons may be purchased in the school office Monday-Thursdays only for \$3 each or two for \$5.
- Jeans must not be frayed or ripped, have holes, or be excessively worn.
- Objectionable words or pictures are NOT permitted.
- No sleeveless shirts (tank tops)
- Clean, neat, clothing to be worn at all times.
- No leggings worn as pants, yoga pants, jeggings/knit pants, or tight or ill-fitting clothing.
- Hats and sweatshirt hoods may not be worn indoors

Thank you for supporting 5th Grade Outdoor Education and the Middle School Missions Trip with your Free Dress purchase!

MIDDLE SCHOOL P.E. UNIFORM | PE uniforms are not required the first two weeks of school. Middle School students are required to wear a P.E. uniform one day a week (TBA) with the option of dressing out one additional day/week (TBA). The P.E. uniform consists of MCA grey logo T-Shirt and Classic Navy Blue athletic pants/sweat pants or long shorts. Yoga pants or stretch pants (leggings) are not permissible.

Common sense should always prevail with regard to student dress. Parents of students with fit challenges, and Middle School students in particular, are encouraged to work with the uniform vendor to explore fit options (plus, tall, petite, options etc.)