

MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

4TH – 5TH – 6TH GRADE DRESS CODE

Maranatha's code for personal appearance is based on creating a culture in our Christian environment of neatness, modesty, and appropriateness for school activities and events. The clothing items are selected and adopted for simplicity and for unification with the Secondary School. Please understand that the Dress Code is just one of many paths to create an atmosphere in which students learn and develop Godly character. The heart which follows Christ will desire to follow the intent of the code. 1 Samuel 16:7

Our Dress Code for 4th – 5th – 6th graders this year has more definitions and descriptions of what is approved and how clothing and accessories may be worn. Of particular note are the following:

1. Hooded jackets and coats, sweaters and sweatshirts **may not** be worn in the building or classrooms
2. Polo shirts may have stipes and bands of alternating colors!
3. All students will tuck in shirts for any Chapel, special occasion and/or program

Girls and Boys Tops

WHAT IS APPROVED:

Polo Shirts:

- Material of jersey, pique, nylon, polyester, or t-shirt **knit**
- Three button placket and a collar
- Short or long sleeved
- **solid, banded, stipes stripes or sections of colors are approved to be worn beginning for 2016**
- **every student is to have one evergreen polo with MCA logo on the upper left chest/lapel area**
- embroidered or screen printed MCA or manufacturer's emblem or logo
 - in the upper left chest lapel area or sleeve
 - no larger than business card or credit card dimensions (2"x3.5")

Cloth Shirts and blouses

- Material is Oxford cloth and cotton blends
- Collared, button front
- Short or long sleeved
- One solid color or "pin striped"
- Any color
- **No patterns**, like checkered, plaid, polka dot, repeating patterns
- embroidered or screen printed MCA or manufacturer's emblem or logo
 - in the upper left chest lapel area or sleeve
 - no larger than business card or credit card dimensions (2"x3.5")

MCA and Christian T-Shirts and Sweatshirts (no hoods)

- t-shirts must have scripture and or pictures that clearly promote
 - Christianity
 - your church, or a youth group which specifically mentions the church

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- Maranatha Christian Academy, its teams, groups, clubs

HOW SHIRTS ARE TO BE WORN:

- Tucked in for Chapel, special occasion or program on any day it is held
- An over shirt is to be buttoned

UNACCEPTABLE

- Tops with less than 2" wide shoulder straps
- Sloppily worn, oversized tops
- Tight, form fitting tops
- Excessively wrinkled
- Tops with pictures or graphics that are without a Christian intent

Girls	Bottoms	WHAT IS APPROVED
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Pants, Shorts, Capris

- colors: Navy Blue, black, or khaki
- materials: cotton twill, polyester,
 - not jersey knit, sweat pant, or pants for running or general exercise
- without patterns or designs

Skirts

- solid colors in navy blue, black, or khaki
- without patterns or designs
- Patterned or plain leggings are allowed under skirts and shorts

Jeans

- solid colors in denim blue, white, tan, black

HOW

- Skirt and shorts length rest between 2" above the knee and the top of the **knee** when standing
- Pants are to be loose fitting, not form fitting
- Belts may be worn as an accessory to prevent sagging and to complete the neat look
- Patterned or plain leggings are allowed under skirts and shorts

UNACCEPTABLE

- **Cargo style pockets** (exterior, sewn on) except with special permission
- Frayed, fringed, excessively worn clothing with holes
- Form fitting bottoms, such as "jeggings", and/or 'skinny jeans'
- Worn spots or holes in the choice of clothing
- Overly tight, form hugging, or low on the hips
- Sloppily worn, sagging, oversized pants
- Netting style skirts, ballerina style or otherwise
- Unclean

Dresses

WHAT IS APPROVED

- Any color, pattern or design
- Length to the top of the knee or longer
- Bodice has shoulder covering at least 2 " wide

UNACCEPTABLE

- Fit is form fitting, tightly adhering to the body
- Bodice allows immodesty

Boys Bottoms

WHAT IS APPROVED

- **Slacks and Shorts**
 - **colors:** Navy Blue, black, or khaki
 - Material: cotton twill (like Dockers)
- **Jeans:** solid colors in blue or black
 - Material: denim

HOW

- With a belt if necessary
- Shorts' length rests between 2" above the knee and the bottom of the knee when standing

UNACCEPTABLE

- **Sports style shorts for working out (like basketball shorts) in polyester, nylon, combined**
- **Cargo style pockets** (exterior, sewn on) except with special permission
- Frayed, fringed, excessively worn clothing with holes
- Form fitting bottoms, such as 'skinny jeans'
- Overly tight, form hugging, or low on the hips
- Sloppily worn, sagging, oversized pants
- Unclean

WHAT IS APPROVED

Sweatshirts & Sweaters without hoods may be worn in classrooms

- solid colors; any color
- MCA, college or company's emblem or logo are OK on the upper chest/lapel area
- Acceptable styles of sweaters include: vest, cardigan, pullover, zippered

UNACCEPTABLE

- **Hooded sweatshirts or sweaters in the classrooms!**

Hooded sweatshirts may be worn to and from school. Students are expected to remove the hooded item as soon as the student arrives in the building, after PE and recess.

- Non-Christian words, statements, pictures or graphics
- Sloppily worn, oversized
- Worn not as it is intended or made to be worn

Lightweight Jackets may be worn in classrooms in lieu of crew neck sweatshirts or sweaters

WHAT IS APPROVED

- Lightweight nylon, polyester, jersey knit, fleece or MCA team jackets w/school logo
- May have emblem of manufacturer
- Jacket has a collar, zips up or snaps

HOW

- Collared shirt is worn under a jacket on any day other than Christian t-shirt day or special events

Shoes & Socks

WHAT IS APPROVED

- Dress shoes and open toed shoes with back straps, tennis shoes, boots, *TEVA* like water or walking shoes, crocs
- Matching socks, any colors
 - Emblems and stipes; patterned for girls

HOW

- **Socks should-be seen above the shoe**
- **Shoelaces are tied**, Velcro is strapped, buckles are buckled
- Back straps on sandals, backs on closed toed shoes
- Heels are no higher than 2 "
- Approval must be sought for non-compliant but necessary footwear due to injury

UNACCEPTABLE

- Flip flops, beach sandals, shoes without back straps or backs
- Slippers
- Spiked heels of more than 2"
- No socks when wearing athletic shoes
- Mismatched colors, symbols, or graphics other than manufacturer company emblems
- Words, abbreviations or acronyms

Hair

ALL: Boys' and Girls' hair will be neatly groomed throughout the day

HOW

- Hair style and length must be controlled to stay out of the eyes and/or show the face
- Coloring must adhere to moderate taste and within the spectrum of natural hair color
- Cuts and styles must be conservative and traditional

UNACCEPTABLE

- Extreme colors, unnatural coloring of hair
- No designs may be shaved into scalp or hair
 - Lines, numbers, letters, emblems
- 'man-buns', boys tying long hair up for compliance

Unacceptable for Boys:

- No part of the hair may extend below the top edge of the shirt collar
 - If long, and could hang in the eyes, hair will be controlled to stay out of the eyes
 - Alternative/Extreme styled haircuts are unacceptable (i.e. Mohawk, faux-hawk, spiked, shaved numbers, symbols, etc.)
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Accessories

ALL: UNACCEPTABLE

- Head coverings, including baseball caps, bandanas, girls' hats or scarves
- Body or facial piercings
- Henna body art or tattoos

Boys:

- Earrings or nail polish

Girls:

- Excessive jewelry, distracting jewelry or more than 2 earrings per ear
 - Scarves may be worn as an accessory around the neck or shoulders but should not be worn as a belt, sash or head covering
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Special Dress Days

Christian, Spirit Week, Field Trip Clothing

FRIDAYS are Christian t-shirt days!! We want to celebrate the Holy Spirit and our school spirit. Students may wear Christian t-shirts, Maranatha t-shirts.

Christian t-shirts must clearly promote Christianity, or a church, a youth group which specifically mentions the church, and school t-shirts must promote Maranatha.

The t-shirt graphics must represent Christian principles.

T-shirts may be worn with blue jeans, and may be worn untucked, without a belt.

SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit Week days are announced by the South Campus Elem Office in conjunction with Secondary School Spirit Week and selected special occasions, like the end of the quarter, athletics playoffs and/or championships.

Field Trips

Field trip apparel will be determined by the teacher for each trip. Details for each particular trip will be written on the permission form. Short-shorts and tank tops will never be appropriate.

Sports and Special Events

For all sporting and similar events, students should dress in neat modest attire.

Special occasion events, such as banquets, Father-Daughter Dance, Christmas Program and Awards Night, the attire will be published before the event. Generally, the attire should adhere to the descriptions listed in this document for everyday wear.