

MLA Dress Code Guidelines

The dress code at MLA emphasizes cleanliness, neatness, and modesty in dress. It is presented to assist families in choosing clothing that fits and is appropriate for MLA. The dress code is in effect while the student is on campus. It is expected that the student is fully in dress code during school hours. This would include before and after school care. Students are required to be in appropriate dress for school events and after-school practices.

As a Christian school that desires to express and teach the principles of God, we choose to include some direction and guidelines for dress to prepare our students for life beyond school. Students are not required to be in dress code outside of the school day, such as for school events or after-school practices but should be dressed in such a fashion that appropriately represents themselves and MLA.

APPAREL	COLOR	DESCRIPTION
Shirts	Any color	collared, with sleeves; logo must be smaller than 3x5 index card, bottom of shirt must be long enough to be tucked in while sitting
Pants-Slacks	Any solid color	looser fitting; no blue jeans; no athletic wear
Shorts	Any solid color	looser fitting; no blue jeans; 3" or less above the knee; no athletic wear
Skirts or Dresses	Any solid color or Patterned	must be longer than 3" above knee; dresses: collared or un-collared; with sleeves and logo/pictures smaller than 3x5 index card
Leggings	Any solid color	worn under skirts/dress; not to be worn as pants
Sweatshirts/ Zip Ups	MLA Zip Ups or Sweatshirt only	MLA Zip Ups or Sweatshirt only
Footwear	Any color	closed toe, closed heel, with socks. Separate pair for gym use only
Outerwear		appropriate outerwear to enter and exit the building, and will not be worn in the classrooms

Principle 1: Students should wear apparel and accessories that are not offensive to our Christian standards.

Principle 2: Students should dress appropriately for school with modesty and restraint.

Principle 3: Hairstyles should reflect moderation and careful grooming. Hair should be kept neat and clean.

Boy's hair length cannot extend below the collar of their shirt. **Hair should be a natural hair color.**

Principle 4: Girls are not to wear makeup during school hours. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings during school.

Principle 5: The principal will have the final decision concerning appropriateness and attire for special dress days.

Temperature Guidelines

When the weather cooperates, the children will be expected to go outside for recess.

- 60° and below = coat jacket or sweatshirt needed
- 40° and below =outerwear, hats, and gloves
- 30° and below = teacher discretion for outdoor activities
- Nov. 1-Spring Break = legs covered
- Teacher discretion will be used and temperatures will be checked before going outside.

Please be certain your child has a light MLA sweater or sweatshirt that can be worn inside should they be chilly. The temperature does fluctuate. This sweater can be left in their locker.