



Dress Code

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8.5 Dress Code

Monclova Christian Academy sets standards for student dress that enhance the atmosphere of the academy and reflect Biblical standards of neatness, modesty, and appropriateness. The dress code boundaries are also designed to promote the safety, security, protection, and moral well-being of the students and staff. Parent and student cooperation in selecting appropriate clothing and accessories for the academy are appreciated. Compliance with the dress code helps to provide students with an educational environment that encourages their intellectual, moral, and spiritual growth.

Monclova Christian Academy administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of all dress code issues at the academy and any academy-sponsored or endorsed functions.

Both French Toast & Lands' End have web pages designed specifically with our approved academy uniforms. The source code for French Toast is QS5FJFZ and the preferred school number for Lands' End is 900144635.

General On-Campus Dress and Appearance

1. Clothing must fit properly and be modest, neat, clean, and without holes. (Other than plain white T-shirts, underclothing should not be visible.) The final determination of "modest" is the sole discretion of the administration.
2. Shirts must be solid red, white, or navy polos, either long or short sleeves.
3. Pants are to be modest-fitting (no leggings or skinny pants) in navy or khaki twill or cotton.
4. Students (K-6th) may wear knee-length shorts in khaki or navy.
5. All shoes must have closed heels and toes.
6. **Every** Friday will be an MCA Spirit Day. Students are allowed to wear, unless otherwise specified, an MCA t-shirt or sweatshirt along with jeans or jean skirts. Jean must be free of holes.
7. For field trips, students are required to wear their MCA uniform (red polo), unless otherwise specified.
8. The acceptable forms of outerwear to be worn in the building or the classroom during the academic day are the approved MCA quarter-zip, full zip-up, or uniform cardigan. Full zip-ups can only be zipped halfway. Quarter-zips are not permitted to be zipped up.
9. When attending after-hours events (on or off campus), where academy uniform dress is not required, students must wear modest attire that is appropriate for the event. We would prefer all students attending games to wear MCA Spirit attire.
10. Students must remain in their academy uniforms until they leave campus for the day.
11. Gym uniform required for 5th-12th of solid gray t-shirt and knee-length solid navy shorts with appropriate athletic shoes.

Specific Standards for Girls:

1. At-the-knee or below-the-knee length pleated navy, khaki, or uniform plaid skirts or jumpers may be worn. Shorts worn under jumpers/skirts may be any *plain* dark color and are required for the sake of modesty.
2. Socks/tights that are seen or worn with skirts must be solid red, white, or navy. Socks worn with pants can be any color. Leggings under a skirt, if worn, must be a solid color that complements the uniform **without visible branding**.
3. Girls are allowed ear piercings. Gauges, bars, or any other body piercings are not acceptable.

4. Tattoos and body drawing are prohibited, outside of the MCA spirit skin decals during specific times of the year.
5. Hair Code: Any hair coloring should only complement the existing color and remain consistent throughout the entire academic year. Likewise, any hairstyle should complement and not draw undue attention. Girls should have feminine-style haircuts. No "butch" or boy-like haircuts will be permitted.

Specific Standards for Boys:

1. Boys (grades 7-12) must wear belts of appropriate length with all uniform pants. Belts are not required for K-6th.
2. Boys are not permitted to have piercings. Boys may wear necklaces.
3. Tattoos and body drawing are prohibited, outside of the MCA spirit skin decals during specific times of the year.
4. Hair Code: Any hair coloring should only complement the existing color and remain consistent throughout the entire academic year. Likewise, any hairstyle should complement and not draw undue attention. Boys are not permitted to wear a bun, a ponytail, or braids. Hair must be neatly trimmed and combed. Hair must not come over the ear, the collar, or the eyebrows. Sideburns should not be below the middle of the ear. No facial hair is allowed (mustache, beard, etc.).

Sports Awards

Towards the end of the academic year, we will honor our athletes with an awards ceremony.

1. Guys must wear dress pants, dress shoes, and a shirt.
2. Girls must wear a dress, skirt, or dress pants and a modest top. Girls' tops must cover the neckline and midriff, and all skirts or dresses must be knee-length.

Homecoming, Coronation & Spring Fling

MCA formal events are an opportunity for fun while maintaining the standards of dress set forth by the academy. Just as an employer has standards for dress and uniforms, so do special events sponsored by our Christian academy. It is possible to be both cute and classy.

Any student or guest that is not in compliance with the standards set forth will be asked to leave the event.

Ladies

1. Necklines can be no lower than 3 inches below the top of the shoulder.
2. The back of the dress must be no lower than the natural bra line and must have more than approximately 25% back/strap coverage.
3. Dresses must have visible straps. (No halter or strapless styles).
4. Dresses and skirts need to touch the top of the kneecap when standing.
5. Sheer material alone is not considered adequate for coverage.
6. Dresses, skirts, and blouses should not be overly form-fitting
7. No exposed midriff.

Men

1. Dress slacks, belts, and/or suspenders are required.
2. Dress shoes and socks are required.
3. Collared shirt and tie (shirt must be tucked in at all times).
4. Suit coat is optional.