

Dress Code Guidelines

All School (PK – Grade 12)

2025-26



General Appearance Guidelines

Below are the general guidelines for appearance at Maranatha. Staff and administration reserve the right to make the determination if a student is within dress code standards.

- No visible tattoos for students under 18 (including temporary tattoos). In accordance with Minnesota state law, students 18 and older may have visible tattoos that must be tasteful and reflect Maranatha's mission, values, and honor code. Tattoos showing blood, weaponry, or violence must be covered.
- No overcoats, outerwear, or any other winter jackets are to be worn unless it is MCA-branded outerwear/vests.
- No hats, caps, durags, scarves, wave caps, hair coverings, athletic sleeves, or sunglasses while in school halls and classrooms.
- No unnaturally colored hair, extreme hairstyles, or distracting hair accessories (e.g., animal ears, pom poms, colored braids, hair tinsel etc.)
- No neon-colored clothing items.
- No ill-fitting or tight-fitting clothing, pants must be at appropriate waist level.
- Neatness, cleanliness, modesty, and appropriateness should be observed at all times.
- Socks, clothing, and accessories must not contain expressions, sayings, or slogans that do not align with a Biblical Worldview.

Girl Specific

- Pierced ears are permitted for girls of any age. High School girls may wear a single, modest nose stud. No other body piercings are allowed.
- Dresses and skirts must be knee length or longer.
- Skirts may be 2" above the knees if accompanied by opaque (dark colored) tights or leggings.
- Girls in lower school are not permitted to wear make-up at school or on field trips. This includes tinted lip balm or lip balm with glitter. No face paint is allowed.

Boy Specific

- Hair must be neatly kept; hair accessories are not acceptable.
- Neatly trimmed facial hair is allowed.
- Nails are not to be painted.
- Makeup of any kind is not acceptable. No face paint is allowed.
- High School boys may wear a single, solid colored stud in each ear. No spikes, hoops, or designs are permitted. No other body piercings are allowed. For PreK-8th male students; ear studs, earrings, or other visible piercings are not allowed any time, including out-of-dress code days.

MCA-branded Tops

All tops must be unaltered MCA-branded attire that are red, navy, white, grey, or black with the MCA or Athletics logo on the front are approved for Monday-Friday. All layers, except outdoor jackets, must be MCA-branded shirts or sweatshirts (ex. If a sweatshirt is removed during the day, the t-shirt underneath must be MCA branded).









Restrictions on tops

- **MCA wear must be unaltered**
- **NO** exposed midriff or back at any time even when sitting, reaching, or bending.
- No non-MCA branded items worn on Monday-Thursday (example co-op sports, non branded MCA club shirts). While we recognize these co-op sports as part of the student experience, they do not contain MCA logos and are confined to spirit wear Fridays.
- **NO** wearing hoods during school day.
- **NO** full-zip sweatshirts, including MCA branded sports team warmups.

Accepted Colors for Pants, Skirts and Dresses

Color blocking, stripes, or contrasting colored trim are not allowed. No neon colors in any shade.

Pants and Shorts

- Navy Blue 
- Black 
- Khaki 
- Grey 
- Maroon 
- Forest Green 

Shoes

- Any color and pattern
(must not be distracting or inappropriate)

Ties, Belts, and Socks

- Any color and pattern
(must not be distracting or inappropriate)

Skirts, Dresses, Jumper,

- Shades of black 
- Shades of white 
- Shades of grey 
- Shades of blue 
- Shades of red 
- Shades of yellow 
- Shades of green 
- Shades of pink 
- Shades of purple 
- Shades of brown 
- Shades of orange 

Pants and Shorts

Approved Pants and Shorts

- Solid colored, loose-fitting cotton, twill, chino, corduroy, dress pants, and cinched bottom pants, including joggers.
- Colored denim is acceptable in the colors outlined on the previous page.
- Capri pants are acceptable for girls only.
- Elastic waist and cargo pockets are acceptable.



Restrictions on Bottoms

- **NO** shorts shorter than 4” above the knee.
- **NO** velvet, velour, or spandex fabrics.
- **NO** sweatpants, fleece, terry, yoga, loungewear, pajama pants of any style (baggy or tight).
- **NO** blue jeans.
- **NO** tears, rips, holes, freys, or unsewn hemlines.
- **NO** tight-fitting pants, regardless of their style or label. This includes, but is not limited to, yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, “skinny pants”, and all form-fitting joggers .

Skirts and Dresses

Approved Skirts (Pk – 12) and Dresses (Pk – 4th only)

- Solid colored full, A-line, straight, plain, pleated, maxi, midi, T-shirt dress, sweater dress, or bib overall styles allowed.
- **PK - 4th grade:** Solid-colored biker shorts or leggings must be worn under for recess modesty. Biker shorts or leggings alone may not be worn.
- Skirt/dress length must be no shorter than 3” above the knee and have solid color leggings or tights underneath. Minimal length is to the top of the knee if no leggings or tights are worn underneath.
- Logos 2” or under and singular are permitted.



Restrictions on Skirts and Dresses:

- **NO** tank top or spaghetti strapped dresses without a T-shirt underneath
- **NO** spandex fabrics.
- **NO** slits higher than the knee.
- **NO** ill-fitting skirts or dresses.
- **NO** short shorts, mini-skirts, jumpers, dresses that are shorter than 4” from the knee, or ill-fitting skirts or dresses.

Shoes

Approved Shoes

- Athletic shoes, boots, or sandals of any color(s) are acceptable.
- Logos of any size are permitted.
- Items should be in appropriate condition for school environment.



Restrictions on shoes

- **NO** shoelace holes without laces in them.
- **NO** excessive heels or platforms over 2”.
- **NO** slippers, athletic slides or flip-flop sandals.
- **NO** winter boots worn during the school day (Ugg style boots are acceptable).
- **NO** HEELYS with the wheels still attached.
- **PK - Grade 3:** sneakers only for safety.

Spirit Wear Fridays

Every Friday, students may wear any MCA spirit wear top. If students choose not to wear spirit wear, they are expected to be in M-Th dress code MCA-branded attire.

- Specific MCA club, summer program, or activity shirts are allowed.
- The MCA top, with graphics, must be visible throughout the school day.
- Spirit wear must not be altered from the original design (i.e. neckline or sleeves cut).
- Athletic co-op spirit wear tops are allowed on Spirit wear Fridays only (i.e. Providence Football etc).
- College-wear including the Bethel AA attire.
- May wear loose—fitting blue jeans, solid-colored sweatpants or shorts that meet the following requirements:
 - shorts length must be consistent with the dress code.
 - pants and shorts must be modest and loose fitting (no tight pants).



Restrictions on Spirit Wear

- **NO** full-zip sweatshirts, including athletic warm-ups or co-op team apparel
- **NO** homemade spirit wear.
- **NO** face paints.
- **NO** hair dye or pom-poms in hair.
- **NO** hoods, hats, caps, durags, scarves, wave caps, hair coverings, athletic sleeves, sunglasses, ings during school day.
- **NO** leggings, jeggings, or yoga styled pants (i.e. tight-fitting pants).
- **NO** ill-fitting, form-fitting, or skin-tight pants of any style.
- **NO** out of dress code pants without a **visible** MCA top.
- Athletic jerseys may not be worn on any school day. These are reserved for game play only per the athletics department.

College Wear

- The first Wednesday of each month, students are encouraged to wear spirit wear tops from their potential, committed, or current college.
- Students in grades 5-12 can participate.
- Students in the Associate of Arts degree program may wear Bethel spirit-wear tops on this first Wednesday of each month or Spirit Wear Fridays.
- Seniors may wear their committed college's spirit wear tops on the first Wednesday of each month and Spirit-wear Friday's only.
- Standard dress code bottoms must be worn on college wear days.



Restrictions on College Wear

- **NO** homemade spirit wear.
- **NO** face paints.
- **NO** hair dye or pom-poms in hair.
- **NO** hats, caps, or durags/wave caps.
- **NO** out of dress code bottoms.

Branding Guidelines for student designed tops (ex. Clubs, NHS etc).

Club apparel (ex. robotics, black history month, student council, NHS etc.) and special theme shirts (ex. Spring splash, homecoming, summer programming etc.) may be designed by student-run groups. All designs must be approved by the Advancement Department.

The following guidelines apply:

- Apparel that follows MCA branding guidelines may be worn Monday-Friday.
- Apparel that does not follow MCA branding guidelines is allowed but will be limited to Spirit wear Fridays only.

MCA Branding Guidelines for M-Th approved Dress Code

Shirt/Sweatshirt colors (must be solid colors)



Logos must be included in our standard colors and be placed **on the front of the shirt** (contact the marketing department for official logo files). Designs that do not include an official logo mark should include our school name on the front of the shirt.



All other club designs that would like to follow a color scheme that is not part of our branding guidelines above are acceptable but are limited to Spirit Wear Fridays.