

Dress Code Philosophy Statement 2022-2023 School Year

Manistee Catholic Central School's dress code is predicated on the belief that each student is created in *God's image* and *our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit* (Cor. 6:19). Each student's God-given talents and gifts are demonstrated through behavior, action, and achievement in academics, service to others, athletics, spirituality, and character development.

The Dress Code is intended to focus energies on that which is spiritual and academic while students are in the building: this includes before, during, and after school hours. Uniforms must always be in good repair.

All K-5 Grade Students

[A Mass Uniform will be required in the 2022-2023 school year – Details will be posted in August.](#)

Shirts

Oxford shirt: white or light blue – ¾ sleeve, short, or long-sleeved

Polo: Red, navy, light blue, ¾ sleeve, short, or long-sleeved.

Turtlenecks: Red, navy or light blue and must be worn under sweater or crewneck sweatshirt

Plain white T-shirts: May be worn under polos, turtlenecks, shirts, or sweaters.

- In the school year 2023-2024 all uniform oxford and polo shirts must have an MCCS logo
 - Please start planning for uniform logo shirts now.
 - It is preferred, but not required that all K-5 grade students wear logo shirts this year.
- All shirts must have a collar and be tucked in

Slacks/shorts

Pants: navy blue only twill, plain front pants, no patch pockets or cargo style.

Shorts: navy blue twill plain front, no patch pockets or cargo style. length 3" above the knee.

Shorts may be worn during the months of September and October, and May and June only.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts

Sweaters – red, white or navy solid colored sweater. Cardigan or pullover.

Uniform Sweatshirt: Crewneck pullover with school crest in navy or red only. Spirit wear, sports affiliated sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts are not uniform and therefore not allowed to be worn as uniform.

Socks

Socks-boys: solid color; white, black, or navy

Socks-girls: solid white, black, or navy ankle length or knee high socks. Solid, non-textured tights or leggings if dresses or skirts are worn. Nylons in nude or beige colors.

Shoes

Shoes: Athletic shoes are highly recommended but casual or dress shoes may be worn. Heel restriction- 1". Shoes must have a back strap and closed toe, no sandals or boots may be worn as a uniform shoe.

Skirts/skorts/Dresses/Jumpers/Capris - Girls

Skirt or skort: Navy blue skirt or culottes. No patch pockets. Length 3" above knee or longer.

Capris: navy blue twill, plain front, no patch pockets. Capris can be worn in fall and spring only.

No tight fitting pants, leggings or jeggings.

Dresses/Jumpers: Red or navy blue polo style dresses or jumpers, long or short sleeves. Length 3" above knee or longer. Must wear a red or blue shirt with a collar underneath.

No make up or nail polish allowed

All 6-12 Grade Students

A Mass Uniform will be required in the 2022-2023 school year – Details will be posted in August.

Shirts

All shirts must have MCCS logo

Oxford shirt: White or Light Blue – ¾ sleeve, short, or long-sleeved.

Polo: Red or navy, ¾ sleeve, short, or long-sleeved.

Plain white t-shirts: May be worn under polos, turtlenecks, shirts, or sweaters.

* **Shirts must have a collar and be tucked in at all times**

* **No strapless or spaghetti strap tops at any time**

Sweaters/Sweatshirts

Sweaters – red, white or navy solid colored sweater. Cardigan or pullover. Must be worn with a collared uniform shirt.

Uniform Sweatshirt: Crewneck pullover with school crest in navy or red only. Spirit wear, sports affiliated sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts are not uniform and therefore not allowed to be worn as uniform.

Slacks/shorts

Slacks or shorts: navy blue or khaki relaxed fit dress slacks, plain front, mid-rise. No patch pockets or cargo style allowed.

Shorts: navy blue or khaki twill plain front, no patch pockets or cargo style. length 3” above the knee or longer. Shorts may be worn during the months of September and October, and May and June only.

Skirts/skorts/Capris - Girls

Skirts or skorts: Navy blue, navy blue plaid, khaki; kilt or pleated skirt, A-line skirt, stretch chino skirt. NO CARGO STYLE. Must be of modest length, no higher than 3” above knee.

Plaid skirts from Land’s End may be worn in the following styles/colors – plaid A-line or plaid pleated in Classic Large Navy, Classic Navy, or Clear Blue Plaid. Must be of modest length, no higher than 3” above the knee or longer. Do not roll skirts at waist. No leggings, jeggings or tight fitting slacks or capris.

Socks

Socks - boys: Solid color only – crew socks/no shows/low cut allowed with shorts

Socks - girls: Solid colored, tights, knee highs (white, black, navy if worn with skirt, capris, or shorts). Nylons in nude or beige.

Shoes

Shoes: Dress or tennis shoes in basic colors – black, white, grey. Sandals and Clog style shoes are not permissible. There is a 1 ½“ heel restriction on all shoes.

Belts

Solid brown or black colors only. No ornamentation or wording. Belts must be worn.

Saber Spirit Days

On Fridays, K-12 students celebrate school spirit by wearing Saber apparel (shirts) with uniform pants. Saber sports affiliated or spirit wear quarter zips, sweatshirts, pullovers, tshirts and hoodies can be worn. Students are NOT allowed to wear hoods up inside the school building.

Additional Dress Code Information

1. Attire not specifically allowed by the Dress Code is not to be worn.
2. The administration will make the final determination on all uniform issues.
3. As a show of respect, hats, caps, or hoods will be removed upon entering the building during the school day. Coats and jackets are not to be worn in the classrooms or in the lunchroom. Please dress appropriately.
4. Boys are not to wear earrings or other piercings.
5. Piercings other than earrings are not permitted for girls.
6. Girls in grades 6-12 hair and makeup must be tastefully done using **natural colors**
7. No long sleeved shirts are to be worn under short sleeved shirts.
8. Boys must be **clean-shaven** at all times; sideburns are to be no lower than the earlobe. Hair length must not reach **below the collar**.

It is the responsibility of the parents, especially, as well as teachers and staff to enforce the dress code. These expectations should be honored at all school functions.

Dress Code Exceptions

Students are expected to dress modestly on days they are allowed to be out of dress code and when attending school events. Modesty requires that people dress in a fashion that does not call inappropriate attention to their bodies. There is no perfect way to define what constitutes appropriate apparel. There are however some main ideas:

1. Necklines must be modest both when standing up straight and when bending over.
2. There is to be no skin showing at the mid-section regardless of whether the person is sitting, standing, or reaching.
3. No part of the hemline (a slit in the side, front, or back of the skirt) is to be higher than 3" above the knee.
4. Do not roll waistline.
5. Clothes that are very tight are not acceptable.

Dress Code: Game Days (Grades 6-12)

Varsity teams should be coordinated in their dress. The dress code is in effect on all game days during the school day and to contests where teams do not dress for competition before leaving school. Team t-shirts (long or short sleeved) or sweatshirts are not part of the dress code. All teams must have Athletic Director permission to modify any part of this dress code. Team Spirit wear is NOT to be worn as school uniform.

JV & Varsity Boys

A team can wear a shirt and tie with dress pants. Team polo or a school uniform shirt may be worn with school uniform pants. A team jersey may be worn over the tops listed above.

JV & Varsity Girls

Team polo or a school uniform shirt may be worn with school dress pants or school uniform skirt. A team jersey may be worn over the tops listed above. All skirts or dresses must be of modest length, no higher than 3" above the knee.

Junior High Girls & Boys

A team may wear school uniform shirts with the team jersey and school uniform pants with everything tucked in.