



Martinsburg Christian Academy

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Learning Today ~ Leading Tomorrow

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our students at MCA are integral participants in a shared journey aimed at cultivating a comprehensive understanding and appreciation for life in this world. Despite the challenges along the way and the length of the expedition, our primary objective is to establish a culture, community, and classroom environment that guides our children cohesively towards these objectives. We believe that outlining specific uniform expectations plays a pivotal role in achieving these goals.

The foundation of our uniform requirement is rooted in aesthetic principles. We acknowledge the profound impact of our surroundings on our actions, work, and worship. Therefore, we strive to create MCA classrooms with a distinctive atmosphere that aligns with our desired outcomes – an environment that is simple, meticulous, orderly, and reminiscent of a nurturing home. We invest effort in maintaining the appearance of our halls and classrooms, setting clear expectations for our students to contribute to this endeavor.

Attire plays a significant role in shaping our behaviors and actions. We firmly believe that our uniform policy plays a crucial role in fostering intellectual growth by instilling habits of order and structure. It liberates our students from distractions and supports their pursuit of deeper qualities that form the foundation of a Christian identity and community. Our dress code is more than a neutral requirement; it symbolizes a meaningful expression of honor that we are committed to upholding.

We envision the MCA school uniform to:

- Simplify morning decisions for both students and parents.
- Convey a sense of professionalism, acknowledging the vocation of learning.
- Foster camaraderie within a community that values orderliness and care.
- Provide comfort for various occasions.
- Ensure quality and affordability, with Lands' End and Tommy Hilfiger as our primary providers. While their retail prices may be higher, their reliable warranties, frequent sales, and robust resale/consignment values align with our commitment to quality and affordability. MCA has a Facebook group to facilitate the exchange of used clothing at even more affordable prices at [*NEW* MCA Uniform Swap/Sell/Trade](#) group.

In making decisions about uniforms, MCA has intentionally chosen a high road, emphasizing that the way faculty, staff, and students dress reflects the importance of the work we engage in and the care and love we aim to invest in it. Our embrace of these standards is not burdensome, but rather liberating, allowing us to think and act in elevated ways about the significant subjects and ideas we encounter daily. The disciplined adherence to a standard dress code brings both a sense of purpose and joy in obedience. Throughout MCA's history, the dress code has been embraced with great charity, exemplifying a form of love even in the smallest details. May this spirit of brotherly love continue to thrive within our community.

In Christ,

Jordan Jones
Principal

A Ministry of Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church

Pastor
Bro. John Woullard

Principal
Bro. Jordan Jones

PreK3 - Kindergarten

Click picture for link to uniform

Girls Official Uniform



Girls Shoe Options

- Any type of athletic shoes, Sperry-type shoes, boat shoes, fashion athletic shoes (such as Toms or Vans), or the like.
- Shoes must be completely closed in with no open sides, heels, or toes.
- No boots or high heels will be permitted.

Girls Optional Uniform



Boys Official Uniform



Boys Shoe Options

- Any type of athletic shoes, Sperry-type shoes, boat shoes, fashion athletic shoes (such as Toms or Vans), or the like.
- Shoes must be completely closed in with no open sides, heels, or toes.
- No boots will be permitted.

Boys Optional Uniform



Note:

- All students must wear neutral-colored socks.
- Girls must wear shorts or ankle-length neutral-colored leggings under their jumpers.
- PreK3 - Kindergarten students are not required to have the logo on any shirts/sweaters.

1st - 6th Grade

Click picture for link to uniform

Girls Official Uniform



Girls Shoe Options

- Any type of athletic shoes, Sperry-type shoes, boat shoes, fashion athletic shoes (such as Toms or Vans), or the like.
- Shoes must be completely closed in with no open sides, heels, or toes.
- No boots or high heels will be permitted.

Girls Optional Uniform



Boys Official Uniform



Boys Shoe Options

- Any type of athletic shoes, Sperry-type shoes, boat shoes, fashion athletic shoes (such as Toms or Vans), or the like.
- Shoes must be completely closed in with no open sides, heels, or toes.
- No boots will be permitted.

Boys Optional Uniform



Note:

- All students must wear neutral-colored socks.
- Girls must wear shorts or ankle-length neutral-colored leggings under their skirts.
- Boys must wear a black or brown belt.
- All 1st - 6th grade students are required to have a logo on their polo shirts.

7th - 12th Grade

Click picture for link to uniform

Girls Official Uniform



Girls Shoe Options

Students are required to wear one of these exact styles and shoes must be black. No variations will be permitted.



Girls Optional Uniform



Boys Official Uniform



Boys Shoe Options

Students are required to wear one of these exact styles and shoes must be black. No variations will be permitted.



Boys Optional Uniform



Note:

- Girls must wear neutral-colored ankle socks or no-show socks.
- Boys must wear neutral-colored socks.
- Girls must wear shorts or ankle-length neutral-colored leggings under their skirts.
- Boys must wear a black or brown belt.
- All 7th - 12th grade students are required to have a logo on their polo shirts.

Casual Days & Spirit Wear

- Clothing must follow regular uniform guidelines.
- Girls must wear a skirt or dress.
- The following clothing will not be permitted: torn or sloppy in appearance, tank tops, muscle shirts, bare midriffs, low necklines, tight or otherwise revealing.
- Negative, outlandish, disrespectful messages and pictures on clothing will not be permitted.
- The administration reserves the right to make judgments on what is acceptable. Definitions, clarifications, and diagrams will be made available upon request.

P.E. Uniform Details

- Students in 1st-12th grade must wear a loose-fitting MCA t-shirt (may be purchased through the school office or on the school website).
- Boys must wear modestly fitting sweatpants, athletic pants, or shorts that go to the bottom of the knee.
- Girls (1st -3rd grade) may wear loose-fitting black basketball shorts that come to the bottom of the knee.
- Girls (4th-12th grade) may only wear black culottes ordered from Modesty in Motion (refer to pictures at bottom right of this section). When ordering culottes, measurements must be below the knee. The price is set by the supplier.
- Athletic shoes are required to participate in P.E.



Culottes must be black

Where to Purchase

- Uniforms are primarily available through Tommy Hilfiger Global Schoolwear; however, high school girls skirts are available through Lands' End and grade school girls skirts are available through Walmart.
- On the Tommy Hilfiger website and the Lands' End website, you may search "Martinsburg Christian Academy" to find the approved dress code for your student's grade.
- Each picture in the uniform guide is a clickable link that directs you to that particular uniform garment.

Accessories, Events, & Exclusions

Accessories, Hair, etc.

- Girls' hair should be clean and worn in a manner out of the eyes.
- Boys' hair should be clean and off the ears, eyebrows, and collar.
- No unnatural hair colors will be permitted.
- Hair accessories must be conservative and must match the uniform.
- Tasteful makeup may be worn with discretion by the 7th-12th grade girls.
- Jewelry should be minimal so as not to distract.
- No more than two pairs of matching earrings may be worn (and must be worn in the ear lobes).
- No ankle bracelets may be worn.
- Boys may not wear necklaces, bracelets, or earrings.
- Secondary students must be clean shaven daily.

Events

- All students are required to wear the Official Uniform on chapel days.
- Secondary students will be required to wear black dress shoes with their official uniform for Fine Arts.
- Grade school students may be asked to wear a long sleeve white button down shirt with their khaki bottoms for special events. The shirt may be purchased from any company the parent chooses. Ties will be provided by the school.
- Girls may not wear slacks, shorts, capri pants, or tight-fitting clothing to any MCA event.

Exclusions

- Please avoid the following: overdone makeup or jewelry, torn or soiled clothes, visible undergarments, distracting accessories, and/or patterned leggings.
- Students may not wear any garments that are not included in the Uniform Guide or any garments that are purchased from other sources.

Miscellaneous

- The administration reserves the right, if deemed necessary, to adjust the Uniform or Dress Code Policy throughout the school year. In the event of updates, parents and students will be notified in writing.
- If desired, students may purchase only the Required Official Uniform; however, optional uniforms may be purchased as well.
- Uniforms must be clean and pressed daily.
- If uniforms show wear, they will need to be replaced within two weeks of notification.
- Students may only wear the sweaters included in the Uniform Policy. No other layering garments may be worn in the classroom.
- Optional uniform sweaters may be worn on days the Official Uniform is required.
- Only the top button of polos/shirts may be left unbuttoned.
- Clothing must be loose enough not to be form-fitting.
- Girls: All skirts and culottes must be loose-fitting and come to the bottom of the knee.
- Boys: All pants must be an appropriate length (inseam not extending shoe soles or above the ankle). Pants may not be rolled up.
- Shirts may not be form-fitting and must be tucked in properly at the waist.
- Demerits will be given for any uniform or dress code violation.
- Past uniforms that are not approved in the current uniform guide will not be permitted.