

DRESS CODE for UNIFORMS

The uniform at Morning Star Christian School has been designed to promote an academic environment. The appearance of a student is the responsibility of the student and the parents. It is expected that students will maintain an appearance within the uniform code which is neat, in good condition and is not distracting to teachers or other students, nor draws undue attention or in any other way disrupts the instructional program of the school. Should a student's attire not comply with the uniform, he/she will be asked to correct his/her appearance (with parental assistance if necessary) before attending class.

In such cases, students may change into clothing brought to school by the parent or possibly "loaner clothes" provided by the school if available. Students may be subject to discipline measures as well after repeated violations of the uniform policy.

Please refer to picture shopping guide that is available on the MSCS website as a point of reference on styles. Any questions of the possibility of another similar style being added to the MSCS uniform or any other clarifications regarding the uniform should be directed to the office before a purchase is made. All clothing should be worn appropriately sized to the student - clothing should not be oversized or undersized. Uniforms purchased within the guidelines may not be modified in style.

*Plaid: Approved Uniform Style Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts, Dresses and Ties may also be worn in the McDonald plaid sold exclusively by Dennis Uniforms.

Pants:

Uniform pants may be purchased from any vendor as long as they meet the uniform specifications.

1. Solid Colors Only: Black, Navy, Dark Gray or Khaki (*not* off-white or brown)
2. Style: Twill Uniform Pants with no adornments or decorations. No cargo, carpenter style, denim, denim-look, chino, corduroy, skinny pants, capris, athletic, knit, leggings, yoga or sweat pants are to be worn.
3. Dress pants in the same uniform colors from any vendor may also be worn. Refer to the picture shopping guide for further specifications.

Shorts:

Uniform shorts may be purchased from any vendor as long as they meet the uniform specifications.

1. Solid Colors Only: Black, Navy, Dark Gray or Khaki (*not* off-white or brown)
2. Style: Twill *Knee-Length* Uniform Shorts with no adornments or decorations. No cargo, carpenter style, denim, denim-look, chino, corduroy, tight-fitting, athletic or knit shorts are to be worn.

3. Shorts may not be more than two inches above the knee in a standing position. Please keep this rule in mind when buying clothes at the beginning of the school year that you are planning for your child to wear through the end of the year.

Shirts:

Uniform Shirts may be purchased from any vendor as long as they meet the uniform specifications.

1. Solid Colors Only: Black, Navy, White, Gray (“ash” or “heather”) or Primary Red (*not* maroon, burgundy or any other shades of red)
2. Shirts are to be solid uniform color. No designs, patterns, stripes, logos or emblems *of any size*.
3. Styles: Polo Shirts (without pockets or designs – or ruffle designs) or Oxford button-down dress shirts. Girls may also wear a *uniform* peter-pan collared blouse (without adornments or contrasting trim). Shirts may be short, 3/4 or long sleeved.
4. A solid black, navy, white, gray or primary red turtleneck may be worn underneath a uniform polo shirt.
5. Oxford dress shirts and blouses with a rounded hemline must be tucked into the pants, shorts or skirt being worn.

Sweaters and Sweatshirts:

1. Approved styles may be seen on the picture shopping guide on the MSCS website. All styles must also meet the color guidelines to be approved uniform wear. These are the only styles and colors of sweaters and sweatshirts that may be worn to or at the school.
2. A uniform shirt must be worn under the sweater or sweatshirt with the collar of the uniform shirt showing at all times.
3. Solid Colors Only: Black, Navy, White, Gray (dark gray, “ash” or “heather”), Khaki (*not* off-white or brown) or Primary Red (*not* maroon, burgundy or any other shades of red)
4. MSCS sweatshirts may be worn over (not in place of) a uniform shirt.

Jumpers, Dresses, Skirts and Skorts:

1. Girls may also wear approved styles of jumpers, dresses, skirts and skorts that may be seen on the picture shopping guide on the MSCS website. *All styles must also meet the hemline and color guidelines to be approved uniform wear.* A uniform shirt must be worn under jumpers with the collar showing.
2. Jumpers, dresses, skirts and skorts are to be worn with a hemline no more than 2 inches above the knee in a standing position. Please keep this rule in mind when buying clothes at the

beginning of the school year that you are planning for your child to wear through the end of the year.

3. Jumpers and dresses - Solid Colors Only: Black, Navy, Dark Gray, Khaki (*not* off-white or brown) or Primary Red (*not* maroon, burgundy or any other shades of red) *

4. Skirts and skorts - Solid Colors Only: Black, Navy, Dark Gray, or Khaki (*not* off-white or brown) *

Other:

1. Socks, knee-high socks, tights and leggings may be purchased from any vendor as long as they meet the uniform specifications. Solid Colors Only: Black, White, Gray, Red or Navy.

2. Socks, knee-high socks, tights and leggings may *not* be denim-look, striped, glittered (or have any other adornments) or printed with any designs or logos. “Jeggings” are also not approved uniform wear.

3. Proper undergarments must be worn at all times. Girls 5th grade and under are required to wear solid matching shorts under their jumpers or skirts if they choose not to wear tights or leggings. Undershirts worn must be a solid uniform color. If the undershirt is extra long, it must be tucked into the pants, shorts or skirt.

3. Belts - Solid Colors Only: Black, Navy, Gray or Dark Brown. No decorations (studs, prints, glitter, etc.) Belts should be a leather or leather type style. Ribbons, bows, etc. may not be worn as a substitute for a belt. For students 3rd grade and up, if belt loops are present and visible on pants, shorts or skirts, a belt is required.

4. Ties – Solid Colors Only: Black, Navy or Red *

5. Shoes must have a closed toe with a maximum of a one-inch heel. They should be worn appropriately and not draw undue attention in color or style. Shoes with wheels may not be worn.

6. Jewelry and hair accessories should match a student’s ensemble and not be a distraction. Only small stud-style earrings may be worn. This is the only allowable “pierced” jewelry. Students may not wear hats while indoors.

7. Coats and outdoor accessories are not part of the uniform and so should only be worn outdoors or while en route to an outdoor activity.

8. Boots may be worn on the outside of pant legs when the weather conditions deem it a necessity. At all other times, boots must be worn under the pant legs.

FRIDAY DRESS CODE

Students may wear denim pants, skirts or shorts on Fridays. The denim must be neat and clean in appearance. Denim with holes or frayed edges may not be worn. Shorts and skirts must still meet uniform regulations that state they may be no more than 2 inches above the knee when in a

standing position. MSCS T-shirts and sweatshirts may also be worn on Fridays. All other uniform guidelines for shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts and accessories should still be followed on Denim Fridays.

DRESS CODE FOR NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Non-uniform days are observed throughout the school year and will be pre-announced. On non-uniform days, students are still expected to be in modest and appropriate attire. Students are not allowed to wear tank tops, strapless or spaghetti-strapped tops, see-through garments, t-shirts with inappropriate logos, tops that reveal the wearer's stomach, one shoulder or off-the-shoulder or low-cut blouses, biker shorts, tight-fitting clothing, skirts or shorts shorter than fingertip length, or clothing with tears/holes. Jeggings and leggings may only be worn with a top that is at least finger-tip length. Other dress code parameters for non-uniform times such as specific field trips, Friday electives, special events, etc. will be announced by the teacher before the event.