



Dress Code

Members of the MPH community have a responsibility to represent MPH in the best possible light, and to be mindful of the varied sensibilities of a diverse population. We do so through our words and actions, as well as through what we wear.

Students in all three divisions are expected to dress in a manner that is *neat, clean and appropriate*, covering shoulders, thighs, stomach and chest. The Dress Code is enforced in the Middle and Upper schools when school is in session, between 8:10 and 3:05 *.

Examples of acceptable wear:

- Buttoned collared shirts, polos, Henleys, and blouses
- Dress pants, khakis, solid color dress jeans, dresses, skirts and shorts
- Dress or casual shoes, boots, sandals, clean sneakers

Examples of items *not allowed* at school:

- Ripped, torn or soiled clothing
- Suggestive or revealing clothing (Spaghetti straps, tank & crop tops, exposed underwear)
- Clothing with writing or inappropriate graphics, or that is distracting to the learning environment
- Facial piercings, body piercings, or unnaturally colored hair
- Athletic wear (T-shirts worn as outerwear, any type of sweatshirt, sweatpants, athletic pants, leggings, yoga pants)
- Clothing that is too casual (blue or washed out jeans, flip flops, pajamas & slippers, hats worn indoors)
- Headphones/earbuds worn in the hallway

The Dean of Students has the final word on whether a particular item of clothing is in dress code or not, but it is best if a discussion of a student's dress does not reach that level. Instead, follow these simple guidelines:

1. Dress in a manner that is neat, clean and appropriate for school.
2. If you are in doubt as to whether a particular garment is acceptable for school, ask before you wear it, or don't wear it.

* Students in PK and K are only held to the spirit of the dress code: *neat, clean and appropriate*, and should dress in a manner appropriate for play and exploration as early learners. Students in grades 1-5 should adhere to the dress code, but may wear leggings.