

Dress Code Philosophy Statement

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.

Girls- Grades K-5 (No makeup allowed)

Shirt:

Polo: Red, navy/light blue, or white, $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve, short, or long-sleeved.

Oxford shirt: White or light blue- $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve, short, or long-sleeved

Turtleneck shirt: Red, white, or navy and must be worn under sweater or crewneck sweatshirt

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

* **All shirts must have a collar and be tucked in**

Slacks/shorts/capris:

Navy Blue only; twill or corduroy, elastic waist, plain front, pleated, mid-rise. Shorts may be worn during the months of September and October, and May and June. They may not be any higher than 3" above the knee. No tight fitting pants or leggings by themselves.

Skirts/skorts:

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

Sweater:

All sweaters / all styles; solid colored -- red, white, and navy.

Sweatshirt:

Crewneck sweatshirt, navy or red. Hoods and hoodies are not acceptable in Mass. No zippers. Sweatshirts must have an obvious MCC affiliation.

Socks:

Solid color; 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:

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.

Boys – Grade K-5

Shirt:

Polo: Red, navy/light blue, or white, short or long-sleeved

Turtleneck shirt: Red, white, or navy and must be worn under sweater or crewneck sweatshirt

Slacks/pants/shorts:

Navy Blue only; twill or corduroy, elastic waist, flat front, pleated. Shorts may be worn during the months of September and October, and May and June. NO CARGO STYLE.

Sweater:

All sweaters / all styles; solid colored - red, white, and navy.

Sweatshirt:

Crewneck sweatshirt, navy or red. Hoods and hoodies are not acceptable in Mass. No zippers. Sweatshirts must have an obvious MCC affiliation.

Socks:

Solid color; white, black, or navy

Shoes:

Athletic shoes are highly recommended but casual or dress shoes may be worn. Shoes must have a back strap and closed toe, no sandals.

Additional Dress Code Information

Attire not specifically allowed by the Dress Code is not to be worn.

The administration will make the final determination on all uniform issues.

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.

Shirts and blouses **must be tucked in at all times** unless otherwise specified.

Slacks, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the natural waistline.

Slack length must be at or below the ankle, but above the floor. No elastic, rolled, or slit cuffs.

Boys are not to wear earrings or other piercings.

Piercings other than earrings are not permitted for girls.

Girls in grades 6-12 - hair and makeup must be tastefully done using **natural colors**.

No long sleeved shirts are to be worn under short sleeved shirts.

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.

Girls' and boys' bangs may not cover the eyes.

It is the responsibility of the 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. Again, our faith tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Apparel decisions must be reflective of this.
2. Necklines must be modest both when standing up straight and when bending over.
3. There is to be no skin showing at the mid-section regardless of whether the person is sitting, standing, or reaching.
4. 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.
5. **Clothes that are very tight are not acceptable.**