

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

STANDARDS OF DRESS

A standard of dress helps students to focus on Christ by eliminating undue focus on clothing and designer labels, as well as a preoccupation with outward appearance. We want our students to be imitators of God by focusing on the heart. Additionally, a consistent standard of dress allows the school to maintain a safe and secure environment where enrolled students are readily identifiable.

DRESS CODE AND PERSONAL PRESENTATION

Approved MAVB Upper School uniform clothing is provided through the MAVB school store according to the following criteria:

Shirts

- Only collared uniform shirts from a MAVB provider, which are school-approved colors (Middle School: navy or burgundy; High School: navy, burgundy, white, or gray) with school crest, are to be worn Monday - Thursday.
- Students may wear any MAVB athletic shirt (with sleeves) or MAVB produced spirit shirt on Friday.
- Seniors also have the privilege of wearing a college t-shirt or MAVB produced Senior shirt on Friday.

Outerwear

- Outerwear from a MAVB provider includes sweatshirts, jackets, and sweaters only in a school-approved color (Middle School: navy; High School: navy, burgundy, white, or gray). (*Note: MAVB-produced sweatshirts include hoodies. While the outerwear may be worn any day of the week, hoods cannot be worn during school hours.)
- Outerwear without MAVB logos may be worn.
- A MAVB approved shirt as described under “shirts” above, must be worn underneath any article of outerwear.
- Seniors have the privilege of wearing college outerwear or Senior outerwear on Friday.
- Any non-MAVB-produced outerwear purchased by or given to students as a part of a MAVB-sanctioned event (i.e. thespians, athletics/FHSAA, club competitions, choir, etc.) may be worn on Friday only.

Shorts/Pants/Skorts

- Khaki or navy blue uniform bottoms from the MAVB school store are to be worn Monday—Thursday.
- Jean pants without tears, holes, or frayed edges may be worn on Friday.
- Shorts and skorts, as an option for girls, must be as long as the student’s fingertips when arms are hanging relaxed at sides, fingers pointing to the floor.
- Shorts/skorts may not be rolled, cuffed, or altered to be made shorter.
- Bottoms should not be inappropriately form-fitting.
- A pattern of non-compliance with length and fit guidelines may require students to wear pants.

Footwear

For safety purposes, all footwear should be closed-toed and closed-back. Sandals, slippers, Crocs, flip-flops, or open-toed footwear are not permitted. Footwear required for physical education class is specified in each teacher's syllabus.

Physical Education Class

- Navy, mesh shorts or sweatpants from MAVB
- Gray PE shirt from MAVB approved uniform stores or MAVB Spirit Shirt
- Footwear required for physical education class is specified in each teacher's syllabus.

General Appearance

- Hair should be neat, well-kept, professional.
- Hairstyles must be natural in colors and tones and must not be a distraction from the educational environment. No extreme styles are permitted. Administration reserves the right to deem any hairstyle extreme or unnatural in color. Natural hair color must be restored according to a time frame set by administration.
- Hats, caps, hoods, and bandanas are not permitted indoors. Students may wear hats/caps outside during recess, lunch, etc.
- Belts are required for pants/shorts with belt loops.
- Boys may not wear facial hair.
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.
- No gauges or spikes are permitted.
- Any unapproved piercings must be removed or plugged while on campus or during school events/trips.
- Undergarments are to be fully covered.
- No visible tattoos (temporary or permanent) are permitted.
- Girls may wear solid-colored navy, gray, white or black leggings under skirts or shorts.

Game-Day Dress Code

Student athletes should comply with the standard MAVB dress code on game day.

Exceptions are listed below:

- Men's teams are permitted to dress-up if done so as a team, which would include shirts (tucked in), ties, and dress pants. Standards of MAVB Personal Attire and Presentation apply.
- Women's teams are permitted to dress-up if done so as a team, which would include appropriate business-type dresses, skirts, or slacks. Standards of MAVB Personal Attire and Presentation apply.
- Team polos and outerwear with MAVB uniform bottoms are permitted on game days that are school-approved colors (navy, burgundy, white, or gray).

STANDARDS OF MAVB PERSONAL ATTIRE AND PRESENTATION

All other items and issues falling outside the above-referenced will be dealt with on a discretionary basis. Student attire, accessories, and personal presentation during school activities (trips, retreats, game day dress, etc.) should adhere to the following standards:

- All images or messages must be consistent with the mission of MAVB.
- Modest
- Neat in appearance
- Does not call undue attention to self or compromise one's Christian witness

Students and parents are to exercise best discretion in adhering to these principles in a manner that cultivates unity in our community. To accomplish the efficient operation of the school, MAVB administrators reserve the authority to make ultimate determinations regarding all dress code and personal attire/presentation issues. Students are to demonstrate rapid compliance with such determinations.