

STUDENT APPEARANCE STANDARDS

The Medina Christian Academy Appearance Standards are designed to serve as a guide for students and their parents on the proper attire for our student body. Knowing how to present oneself properly within the school community. We also strive to prepare the students of Medina Christian Academy for future professional environments. Our desire is to prepare and partner with families to instill this important life skill. The biblical principles of unity, modesty, and respect are the standards applied. As Christians, our goal is to glorify God in everything and be an example to those around us.

“Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.” *I Corinthians 10:31*

“Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” *I Timothy 4:12*

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” *Romans 12:2*

Students have the primary responsibility to understand and adhere to the student appearance standards. Parents are responsible to guide and reinforce the beliefs of Medina Christian Academy Student Appearance Standards in all circumstances. Items not listed on the below list are not permitted.

Guidelines for all Medina Christian Academy should be to dress in such a way to respect and honor God, themselves, and others. Clothing should be neat, modest and appropriate.

Student Appearance Standards for Young Men

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| Shirts | <p>Medina Christian Academy apparel must be worn every day. This apparel can be found exclusively on the MCA Website and the BSN Athletic Sideline Store. All MCA extracurricular specific and Mission shirts may be worn every day. Please see the Medina Christian website to purchase all approved shirts.</p> <p>Sizing considerations: Choose a loose-fitting business attire Choose lengths that overlap pants and shorts or can be easily tucked in.</p> |
| Shorts/Pants | <p>Uniform style pants/shorts (must be worn with an appropriate belt) Uniform style as follows: Tan-khaki, or Black (all cotton or cotton/poly blend, polyester or twill); Pleated or flat front; Slit or welt pockets no external (patch) pockets, no stitching that gives the appearance of patch pockets. No rivets, carpenter loops or bell-bottoms; must not be ripped, split or frayed Must adhere to business-attire standards for proper fit, and must avoid noticeable low rise. Worn with a business-attire belt; solid black, solid brown, solid gray or solid white.</p> <p>Shorts (Tan-khaki, or Black) should maintain the look of the longer style shorts, not calf-length. Short Length is to be not higher than two inches above the top of the knee. No visible external pockets, no cargo shorts. No crop or capri length pants. No leggings permitted (alone or under shorts) Rolled shorts/pants are not permitted. Shorts are worn August, September, October, April, and May.</p> |

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| Sweaters/Sweater Vests | <p>Monogrammed pullover crew neck,v-neck,vest or cardigan (sold exclusively on the MCA Website).</p> <p>All sweaterst must be worn only over a white dress shirt.</p> <p>Must adhere to business-attire standards for proper fit.</p> |
| Sweatshirts | <p>Medina Christian Academy sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn everyday.</p> <p>These sweatshirts are found exclusively on the MCA Website.</p> <p>These sweatshirt also include all MCA extracurricular and Mission specific shirts.</p> <p>Sweatshirts may be worn only over a uniform shirt.</p> <p>Hoods may not be worn on the head inside of any school building.</p> |
| Athletic Wear | <p>Black MCA athletic jackets and half zips (sold exclusively on the MCA website) may be worn only over a uniform shirt.</p> |
| Socks | <p>Socks are required to be worn.</p> <p>Any style or color sock that maintains a respectful design is appropriate (i.e., footie, crew, knee length)</p> |
| Shoes | <p>Must have a closed toe.</p> <p>Any reasonable shoe material except Croc style plastic; clean and in good repair.</p> <p>No Crocs.</p> <p>No open-toed shoes.</p> <p>No shoes with more than 2 inch heels.</p> <p>No sandals, rain boots, five finger shoes or vented water shoes.</p> <p>No boots unless in winter.</p> <p>Check with the MCA office if you have questions.</p> |
| Chapel Attire (optional as of 2022/2023) | <p>White oxford or other type of white button down dress shirt, short or long sleeve.</p> <p>Tan-khaki, or Black pants, belt, shirts must be tucked in; belt is optional for Kindergarten students.</p> <p>Any sweater that is listed on the MCA dress code sold exclusively on the MCA website.</p> <p>Athletic jackets and half zips sold exclusively on the MCA website.</p> <p>Ties (Long or bowties with a respectful design)</p> <p>*Upper Campus young men may wear jeans, as Chapel is now scheduled for Fridays.</p> |
| Accessories | <p>Young men may wear a reasonable amount of business attire jewelry. No ear rings.</p> <p>All students are to keep their hair neat and well-groomed. Extreme hairstyles (examples: hair with shaved portions, spikes, or unnatural hair color such as blue, green, pink etc.) are not acceptable. Hair color must be natural looking. Hair must be worn out of the face. Hair may not cover either or both eyes. Young men: hair may be kept pulled back to accomplish this purpose. Young men are allowed to have facial hair, but it must be well-groomed. Pierced body parts are not in code. Tattoos are not to be visible at any time. Young men are not permitted to wear makeup or nail polish.</p> |

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| MCA Day Friday Attire: | <p>MCA tops, spirit wear, sports teams, theater, missions trips, club shirts.</p> <p>Jeans (blue or black), Tan-khaki, or Black pants/skirts (or shorts during designated months)</p> <p>Fashionable boots (not snow boots) allowed if wearing jeans.</p> <p>Jeans must be free of holes and not too tight.</p> <p>No leggings permitted.</p> <p>If not participating, students must wear regular school uniform.</p> |
| Dress Down Days | <p>The administration will announce special days where students will be allowed to dress down for the day. Jeans must be free from holes. Pants must be worn properly around the waist. No baggy pants. No Yoga pants, spandex or leggings. A student may wear jeans; dress code pants, dress code shorts (during approved seasons, dress code length) with any appropriate shirt or sweatshirt.</p> |

Student Appearance Standards for Young Women

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| Shirts | <p>Medina Christian Academy apparel must be worn every day. This apparel can be found exclusively on the MCA Website and the BSN Athletic Sideline Store. All MCA extracurricular specific and Mission shirts can be worn on every day. Please see the Medina Christian website to purchase all approved shirts.</p> <p>Sizing considerations: Choose a loose-fitting attire. Choose lengths that overlap pants and skirts or can be easily tucked in. No part of the midriff can ever be exposed.</p> |
| Skirts/Skorts | <p>Solid tan-khaki, or black skirt/skort.</p> <p>Plaid skirt designated by MCA (sold exclusively at Schoolbelles).</p> <p>Length is to be not higher than two inches above the top of the knee.</p> <p>Black, full-length leggings MUST be worn underneath skirts for 6th-12th grade (Upper Campus) students</p> <p>Skirts may not be rolled at the waistband.</p> |
| Shorts/Pants | <p>Uniform style pants (must be worn with an appropriate belt).</p> <p>Uniform style as follows: Tan-khaki, or black (all cotton or cotton/poly blend, polyester or twill); Pleated or flat front; Slit or welt pockets no external (patch) pockets, no stitching that gives the appearance of patch pockets. No rivets, carpenter loops or bell bottoms; must not be ripped, split or frayed; no corduroy; must adhere to business-attire standards for proper fit, and must avoid noticeable low rise.</p> <p>Short Length is to be not higher than two inches above the top of the knee.</p> <p>No visible external pockets.</p> <p>No cargo shorts.</p> <p>No crop or capri length pants.</p> <p>Rolled shorts and pants are not permitted.</p> <p>Shorts may be worn August, September, October, April, and May.</p> |
| Sweaters/Sweater Vests | <p>Monogrammed pullover crew neck,v-neck,vest or cardigan (sold exclusively on the MCA Website).</p> <p>All sweaterst must be worn only over a white dress shirt.</p> <p>Must adhere to business-attire standards for proper fit.</p> |
| Sweatshirts | <p>Medina Christian Academy sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn everyday. (exclusively on the MCA Website).</p> <p>These sweatshirt also include all MCA extracurricular and Mission specific shirts.</p> <p>Sweatshirts may be worn only over a uniform shirt.</p> <p>Hoods may not be worn on the head inside of any school building.</p> |

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| Socks/Tights/Leggings | <p>Socks are required to be worn if a student is not wearing tights.</p> <p>Any style or color sock that maintains a respectful design is appropriate (i.e., footie, crew, knee length).</p> <p>Hosiery/tights must be nude, solid black, white, gray or tan-khaki;</p> <p>No fishnet hose.</p> <p>Tights/leggings may NOT be worn under shorts.</p> <p>Lower Campus may wear tights or leggings under skirts. Upper Campus MUST wear full-length, black leggings under skirts.</p> |
| Shoes | <p>Any reasonable shoe material except Croc style plastic; clean and in good repair.</p> <p>No Crocs.</p> <p>No open-toed shoes.</p> <p>No shoes with more than 2 inch heels.</p> <p>No Sandals, rain boots, five finger shoes or vented water shoes.</p> <p>Boots are permitted in the Winter.</p> <p>Check with the MCA office if you have questions.</p> |
| Chapel Attire (optional as of 2022/2023) | <p>White dress shirt oxford or other white blouse, dress shirt, short or long sleeve. Sheer shirts must be worn with a white t-shirt underneath or a sweater over top.</p> <p>Solid tan-khaki, or black skirt/skort</p> <p>Plaid skirt designated by MCA (sold exclusively at Schoolbelles).</p> <p>Because of recess and gym activities, Lower Campus (K-5th) girls should wear shorts underneath skirts. The shorts should not go below the skirt hem.</p> <p>Plain socks that are white, grey, khaki or black (black, grey, khaki or white leggings allowed for K-5th)</p> <p>*Black full length leggings are required under skirts for 6th-12th grade all year.</p> <p>Any sweater that is listed on the MCA dress code sold exclusively on the MCA website.</p> <p>Black athletic jackets and half zips sold exclusively on the MCA website.</p> <p>*Upper Campus young women may wear jeans, as Chapel is now scheduled for Fridays.</p> |
| Accessories | <p>Young ladies can wear a reasonable amount of business attire jewelry.</p> <p>All students are to keep their hair neat and well groomed. Extreme hairstyles some examples would be hair with shaved portions or spikes and unnatural hair color (i.e. blue, pink, green, etc.) are not acceptable. Hair color must be natural looking. Hair must be worn out of the face. Hair may not cover either or both eyes. Pierced body parts other than ears are not in code. Tattoos are not to be visible at any time. Makeup must be natural looking. No excessive length fingernails.</p> |
| MCA Day Friday Attire | <p>MCA tops, spirit wear, sports teams, theater, missions trips, club shirts.</p> <p>Jeans (blue or black), Solid tan-khaki, or black/skirts (or shorts during designated months)</p> <p>Fashionable boots (not snow boots) allowed if wearing jeans.</p> <p>Jeans must be free of holes and not too tight.</p> <p>No spandex, leggings, or yoga pants.</p> <p>If not participating, students should wear regular school uniforms.</p> |
| Dress Down Days | <p>The Administration will announce special days where students will be allowed to <i>dress down</i> for the day. Jeans must be free from holes. Pants must be worn properly around the waist. No baggy pants. No yoga pants, spandex or leggings. A student may wear jeans, dress code pants, dress code shorts/jean shorts (during approved seasons, dress code length) with any appropriate shirt or sweatshirt.</p> |

The administration reserves the right to amend the student appearance standards as needed to address new trends and styles. If a dress code infraction pertains to modesty, the student will be required to change their attire or have a parent bring appropriate clothing to school. Students will remain in the office until dressed appropriately. Cross-gender dressing is not permitted within the Medina Christian Academy community. Each infraction will be handled as a disciplinary matter and formally documented in Renweb. The administration has the final decision on all Student Appearance Standards decisions.

Student Appearance Standards Method of Enforcement

While taking attendance, teachers will note (and remedy immediately, if possible) any student appearance infractions. For example, if a student is wearing non-MCA outerwear/sweatshirt/jacket they will be asked to take it off. If a student is repeatedly asked to remedy the same infraction the below actions will be taken. Other Student Appearance Standards infractions will also be handled as follows: *The general process will be sending an email to the student and parents informing of the type of infraction and that the next infraction will result in a specific consequence.

First report

- Student/parent email
- Next infraction = lunch detention

Second report

- Student/parent email
- Student = lunch detention
- Next infraction = After-school detention

Third report

- Student/parent email
- Student = After-school detention
- Next infraction = Half-day, in-school suspension and student/parent meeting with Administration

Fourth report

- Student/parent email
- Student = Half-day, in-school suspension and student/parent meeting with Administration
- Next infraction = One day in-school suspension, and Loss of apparel privilege if applicable. (For example, student may lose the option to wear a skirt/hoodie/shorts)

Note: Student Appearance Standards may be modified as deemed necessary by the MCA Board of Trustees and Administration. When purchasing clothing for school, students and parents should follow the guidelines for the acceptable Student Appearance Standards.

*For severe code violations, where administration deems necessary, a student may be removed from class until the violation can be remedied.