



# STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE

## K3-6th Grade Boys and Girls

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It is the position of Maranatha Baptist Academy that Christian young people should act and dress differently from the world (Romans 12:2). In order for students to mature spiritually, the teaching of biblical separation is a vital part of the school's program. I Corinthians 10:31 commands Christians to do all to the glory of the Lord. In today's society this command has special reference to the fact that God may be honored or dishonored by our personal dress and grooming. In dress, as well as doctrine, the Christian is to "prove all things, hold fast that which is good, and abstain from all appearance of evil" according to I Thessalonians 5:21-22. I Timothy 4:12 exhorts, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Maranatha Baptist Academy believes that these commands have a practical application to the dress and appearance of students. The underlying principles of MBA's dress code are modesty (I Timothy 2:9; II Timothy 2:22), appropriateness (Philippians 4:5), identification (Colossians 3:16, 17; I John 2:15,16), and distinction of sexes (Deuteronomy 22:5; I Corinthians 11:14,15). In light of these principles, we must set an institutional standard for our school and our students that must be met in order for us to be consistent in our enforcement. **Clothing or accessories identified with worldly fads, fashions, activities, or anti-Christian characters are prohibited.** The administration reserves the right to determine what is acceptable or unacceptable in matters of appearance. Students should always be neat in their dress and unquestionably clean in their daily grooming. Students are to dress according to the prescribed uniform guidelines and are to adhere to the appropriate dress code during all school functions, on or off campus, including athletic events, unless otherwise instructed. Students will be counseled privately about any violations and assessed demerits or detentions. They may be required to call home for parents to bring a change of clothing or be sent home to change into acceptable attire. Parents have the prime responsibility in teaching students to live by standards of Scripture and are responsible to send their children to school in the correct uniform dress and properly groomed.

Students are to arrive according to dress code and remain in dress code while on campus, unless participating in a school-related activity. **Specific uniform guidelines descriptions for elementary students are listed on the back.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Students are asked to follow the school dress code at school activities on or off campus and when they attend the services at Maranatha Baptist Church.
- Students are asked to dress in a conservative manner and not to dress in a way that imitates the worldly attitude.
- Boys' hair must be its natural color, combed neatly, and tapered smoothly with no shelves, visible lines, grooves, etc. Hair must be cut above the ears and combed so that it is no longer than the middle of the forehead in front. The bottom of the ears may be used as a general guideline for length in back. Shaggy, bushy, or thick hair, even if in accordance with the above requirements, is not acceptable. Sideburns should be no longer than the middle of the ear.
- Girls' hair must be natural color, clean, and neat, with no outlandish or extreme styles. Girls' bangs must be cut above the eyebrows or combed to the side so that the hair does not fall over either of the eyes. Avoid masculine and unisex haircuts.
- Girls may wear button-up cardigans of knit sweater material not cotton knit. No sweatshirt material or hoods in the classroom. The cardigans must be loosely-fitted (this is according to MBA's definition of loosely fitted) and of solid colors coordinated with the uniform. **Note:** If the sweater needs to be buttoned to stay on properly, it must be loose enough that it does not pull tightly across the bust.
- **Socks must be worn with all shoes.** In winter, girls may wear knee socks or tights of solid colors that are coordinated with their uniforms. While socks and tights are preferred, leggings may be worn. If leggings are worn, socks must be worn with them.
- Tattoos or synthetic body markings of any kind are not permitted.
- Jackets other than the MBA jackets may not be in the classroom.
- No hats are to be worn in school.
- Boys may not wear any type of jewelry, other than watches or medical alert bracelets/chains.
- Girls may wear natural or soft colors of fingernail polish - no designs on the fingernails.

### K3-6th Grade Boys

- Polo shirts (long or short-sleeved) are to be worn by all students. These may be purchased through local stores such as Wal-Mart, Dollar General, etc. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked in (and stay tucked in).
- Students may wear dress shoes, casual shoes, or tennis shoes. Winter boots may be worn only during winter.
- Socks must be worn with all shoes.
- Boys may wear pullover sweaters and button-up or zip-up cardigans of knit sweater material (not cotton knit). No sweatshirt material or hoods in the classroom.
- Boys are to wear long pants to school. Khaki or navy in color. All pants must have belt loops and must be worn with belts. **Exception: K3-K5 boys may have elastic waistband pants. The belt is optional for this age.**
- Pant material is to be of polyester-cotton blend. Double-stitched and jean-type pants are not permitted. Cargo pants, carpenter pants, and pants with extra pockets will not be permitted.
- No shorts.

### K3-3rd Grade Girls

- Jumpers and skirts can only be bought at the school office. Hemlines must come below the knee.
- Polo shirts (long or short-sleeved) are to be worn by all students. These may be purchased through local stores such as Wal-Mart, Dollar General, etc. Girls' shirts should never be too tightly fitted. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked in (and stay tucked in).
- Students may wear dress shoes, casual shoes, or tennis shoes. No high-top or knee length tennis shoes are permitted. No open-toed or backless shoes are permitted. These present a safety issue on the playground and in the hallways. Winter boots may be worn only during winter.
- Shorts should be worn under their uniforms.
- Girls may wear only post earrings.
- No makeup allowed.

### 4th-6th Grade Girls

- Skirts can only be bought at the school office. Hemlines must come to the bottom of the knee. The waist of the skirt should be no lower than the top of the hip bone. Skirts must be kept in good repair; if the hem comes out, sew it back in.
- Polo shirts (long or short-sleeved) are to be worn by all students. These may be purchased through local stores such as Wal-Mart, Dollar General Store, etc. Girls shirts should never be too closely fitted. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked in (and stay tucked in).
- Students may wear dress shoes, casual shoes, or tennis shoes. No high-top or knee length tennis shoes are permitted. No open-toed or backless shoes are permitted. These present a safety issue on the playground and in the hallways. Winter boots may be worn only during winter.
- Shorts should be worn under their uniforms.
- Earrings may be no longer than 1 inch nor larger than 1 inch in diameter.
- No makeup allowed.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM CHECK PROCEDURES

- Should your student have a dress code violation, you will be notified.
- If a student is guilty of repeated dress code violations, he or she will be suspended for a day and given an unexcused absence.