



STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE

7th-12th 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 guideline descriptions for junior and senior high students are listed on the back.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

- 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.
- Hair must be its natural color, combed neatly, and tapered smoothly with no shelves, visible lines, grooves, etc. Boys' 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.
- 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.
- Boys are not allowed to wear tennis shoes for school.
- 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.
- Students will need to bring all "performance uniforms", ready to wear, two days before the performance.

7th-12th GRADE BOYS UNIFORM GUIDELINES

- Boys will wear polo shirts that **can be purchased from the office**. These polo shirts include our school emblem and will be royal blue, navy blue, or grey.
- 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. 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 are not permitted.
- 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. Students may also wear the MBA school jackets which can be purchased through the school during the early part of the year. Jackets other than the MBA jackets may not be in the classroom.
- Dress shoes and socks. Socks must be worn with all shoes.
- Basketball game jersey and pants are only available through the coaches. Practice shirts are available at the office.
- During the year, various special performances will be scheduled. These include band concerts, choir concerts, or fine arts performances. Performance dress will be black pants, dark socks, and white long-sleeved shirt. The vest and bowtie are provided by the school with a yearly rental fee. Boys will need to wear a clean, plain white T-shirt under the dress shirt.

7th-12th GIRLS UNIFORM GUIDELINES

- Polo shirts **can be purchased from the office**. These polo shirts include our school emblem and are navy blue, burgundy, and grey.
- Skirts can only be purchased from the office. Hemlines must come to the bottom of the knee. This includes both back and front views. 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.
- Students must wear dress-casual shoes with heels no higher than 2 inches. No tennis shoes or “tennis shoe” looks are permitted. Backless, slip-on shoes are not permitted. Winter boots are only permitted during winter, and these should also be dressy-casual in style.
- Earrings may be no longer than 1 inch nor larger than 1 inch in diameter. Earrings may be worn **only** in the lobe of the ear, and a maximum of two earrings may be worn.
- Girls are allowed to wear acrylic nails - with soft, natural colors and of a reasonable length (approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch from the cuticle).
- Girls may wear a minimal amount of makeup. Makeup should be moderate using natural colors including around the eyes.
- During the year, there may be various special performances scheduled. These include band concerts, choir concerts, or fine arts performances. These “performance uniforms” will be provided by the school with a yearly rental fee. Girls will also need a slip and black dress shoes to complete the performance uniform.
- Sports clothing will be addressed before the beginning of the sports season.

SCHOOL UNIFORM CHECK PROCEDURES

- Should your student have a dress code violation, you will be notified.
- If the dress code violation is the wearing of inappropriate makeup, the student will be required to remove all makeup for that day. If this offense is repeated, the student will not be permitted to wear any makeup for a week.
- If a student is guilty of repeated dress code violations, he or she will be suspended for a day and given an unexcused absence.