

DRESS CODE

The administration reserves the right to make discretionary judgments regarding dress code. If you have any questions about clothing or hairstyles, please check with the administration.

Mansfield Christian School requires students to wear coordinated clothing from School Closet called *Campus Wear* so that students project an atmosphere of solidarity, loyalty, and equality. It works to eliminate unnecessary competition in dress and focuses attention on learning. Experience has shown that students required to maintain a neat appearance and to coordinate their wardrobe within established parameters are likely to carry over these habits to the performance of their schoolwork. *Campus Wear* is a positive method of helping students to establish good habits and promoting a climate for responsibility and discipline.

School Closet, located in Columbus, is our exclusive provider of ***Campus Wear***. Families are encouraged to attend one of the scheduled fitting times on campus but may go directly to the School Closet store in Columbus, as well. All *Campus Wear* articles must be purchased at School Closet unless otherwise noted in the handbook. No other clothing can be substituted for our school attire. This type of intentional deception is wrong, and students will be punished accordingly.

Mansfield Christian School has a used Clothing Swap held several times per year for your convenience.

General Dress Code Guidelines

1. Clothes must fit appropriately. Students may not intentionally order their clothing oversized (baggy) or undersized (tight/short).
2. There are to be no decorations or logos on *Campus Wear* other than those adopted by the school.
3. Cut-off clothing and cutting-up pant seams are not permitted. All pants, skirts, shorts, and jumpers must be hemmed.
4. Hats and bandanas are not to be worn in the school building at any time.
5. Chains (i.e. wallet chains, dog chains) are not permitted.
6. Tattoos and body piercing are not permitted.

Flames Friday

Each Friday, students are permitted to wear MCS spirit shirts (from past or current year) or 2019-2020 enrollment t-shirts with campus wear bottoms. Beginning mid-March 2020, only the 2020-2021 enrollment shirt will be permitted.

Dress for Activities

Campus Wear is the required dress for all award assemblies and special programs; however, teachers may require dressier clothes for certain events. Dress may be casual (but modest) at athletic events; however, boys may not wear earrings at any school function, on or off school property.

Dress Code Enforcement

Students and parents are to be familiar with the dress code guidelines before school begins and throughout the school year. If a student needs to stay after school for some reason, he/she should remain in *Campus Wear* unless participating in athletics under the direction of a coach. If there is a clear violation of the dress code, parents may be called to bring their son or daughter proper attire depending on the nature of the problem. Repeated violations may result in a detention.

GIRLS' DRESS GUIDELINES (Kindergarten - 6 th Grade and Independent Studies Students)	
Skirts	School plaid, khaki, or navy <i>Campus Wear</i> . Knee length. Longer skirts are also available. Girls violating the knee length rule on three occasions will not be permitted to wear skirts at MCS for the remainder of the school year.
Pants	Khaki or navy <i>Campus Wear</i> .
Jumpers	School plaid, knee length. Girls violating the knee length rule on three occasions will not be permitted to wear jumpers at MCS for the remainder of the school year. A <i>Campus Wear</i> collared shirt must be worn under the jumper.

Walking Shorts	Khaki or navy <i>Campus Wear</i> . Shorts must be near top of the knee, hemmed, and not below the knee. Girls violating the length rule on three occasions will not be permitted to wear shorts at MCS for the remainder of the school year. Shorts may only be worn during the months of August, September, October, April, May, and June.
Knit Polo Shirts	Long or short sleeved <i>Campus Wear</i> in white, navy, red, and light blue.
Oxford Shirts	Long or short sleeved <i>Campus Wear</i> in white and light blue. Oxford shirts must be buttoned to at least the second button from the top.
Dri-Fit Shirt	Short sleeved <i>Campus Wear</i> in red, navy, white, and light blue
Turtlenecks	<i>Campus Wear</i> in navy, red, and light blue. White may be non-Campus Wear.
Sweaters	Navy or red <i>Campus Wear</i> , V-neck or crew, long-sleeve, vest, or cardigan. School logo is available for additional cost.
Outerwear	Campus Wear shirts must be worn underneath outerwear. Fleece jackets may only be purchased from School Closet and can be navy, black, or grey full zip fleece with MCS logo. Jackets must either be bought through School Closet or be solid gray, black, or red with either no logo or MCS logos in school colors. No other logos and brand names (e.g. "North Face, Columbia, and Under Armor") may be imprinted on outerwear garments. MCS school spirit and MCS sports team outerwear are permitted, but no other exceptions will be made.
Scarves	No scarves may be worn (decorative or for warmth).
Belts	Belts are encouraged with all pants and shorts in which the waistband is visible. Belts are not to be worn with skirts. <i>(May be purchased outside of School Closet)</i>
Shoes	The required shoe for Kindergarten – 4 th grades is an athletic shoe. Sandals of any type are not permitted. All shoes must have an enclosed toe, and shoes with laces must be laced and tied. Soles should not exceed two inches in height. Boots are not permitted with shorts. No Sperry shoes or look-alikes are permitted in grades PreK-4 th grades. Snow boots may be brought to wear outside for recess when needed, but shoes are required in the classroom. "Military-style" boots and knee high boots are not permitted.
Socks/Tights	Must be matching solid color, (white, black, red, gray, navy, or khaki), and plain (no designs) . <i>(May be purchased outside of School Closet)</i>
Nylons	Must be solid color and plain (no designs or mesh-like).
Layering	A white long sleeve shirt or turtleneck (<i>non-Campus Wear</i>) may be worn under short or long sleeve <i>Campus Wear</i> shirts for warmth. No thermal items may be layered.
Undergarments	Proper undergarments must be worn at all times. T-shirts worn under <i>Campus Wear</i> must be free from pictures or words, be solid colored throughout, and must be tucked in.
Jewelry	Earrings are the only pierced jewelry permitted. Excessive jewelry is not permitted; jewelry should be tasteful and not large or distracting.
Hair & Hair Accessories	Must not be extreme or distracting. Feathers may not be worn in the hair. Sculptured hair or coloring that is unnatural (i.e. blue, green, orange, etc.) is not permitted
BOYS' DRESS GUIDELINES (Kindergarten - 6th Grade and Independent Studies Students)	

Pants	Khaki or navy <i>Campus Wear</i> .
Walking Shorts	Khaki or navy <i>Campus Wear</i> . Shorts must be near top of the knee, hemmed, and not below the knee. Boys violating the length rule on three occasions will no longer be permitted to wear shorts at MCS for the remainder of the school year. Shorts may only be worn during the months of August, September, October, April, May, and June.
Knit Polo Shirts	Long or short sleeved <i>Campus Wear</i> in white, navy, red, and light blue.
Oxford Shirts	Long or short sleeved <i>Campus Wear</i> in white and light blue. Oxford shirts must be buttoned to at least the second button from the top.
Dri-Fit Shirt	Short sleeved <i>Campus Wear</i> in white, navy, red and light blue.
Turtlenecks	<i>Campus Wear</i> in navy, red, and light blue. White may be non- <i>Campus Wear</i> .
Sweaters	Navy or red <i>Campus Wear</i> , V-neck or crew, long-sleeve, vest, or cardigan. School logo is available for additional cost.
Outerwear	<i>Campus Wear</i> shirts must be worn underneath outerwear. Fleece jackets may only be purchased from School Closet and can be navy, black, or grey full zip fleece with MCS logo. Jackets must either be bought through School Closet or be solid gray, black, or red with either no logo or MCS logos in school colors. No other logos and brand names (e.g. "North Face, Columbia, and Under Armor") may be imprinted on outerwear garments. MCS school spirit and MCS sports team outerwear are permitted, but no other exceptions will be made.
T-Shirts	T-shirts worn under <i>Campus Wear</i> must be free from pictures or words, be solid colored throughout, and must be tucked in.
Belts	Belts are encouraged with all pants and shorts. <i>(May be purchased outside of School Closet)</i>
Shoes	The required shoe for Kindergarten – 4 th grades is an athletic shoe. Sandals of any type are not permitted. All shoes must have an enclosed toe, and shoes with laces must be laced and tied. Soles should not exceed two inches in height. Boots are not permitted with shorts. Snow boots may be brought to wear outside for recess when needed, but shoes are required in the classroom
Socks	Must be matching solid color, (white, navy, or khaki), and plain (no designs). <i>(May be purchased outside of School Closet)</i>
Layering	A white long sleeve shirt or turtleneck (<i>non-Campus Wear</i>) may be worn under short or long sleeve <i>Campus Wear</i> shirts for warmth. No thermal items may be layered.
Jewelry	No earrings or other pierced jewelry of any kind. Boys may not wear earrings at any school function, on or off school property.
Hair	Must be kept well groomed. Hair length must be cut and styled so that the hair does not fall into the eyes. Hair may be no longer than bottom of the ear on the sides and collar length in the back. Sculptured hair or coloring that is unnatural (i.e. blue, green, orange, etc.) is not permitted.