

## Dress Code

The MICS Mission encourages leading by example through positive impact. The following dress code embodies this mission through dress guidelines while on school property and while participating in school-related activities. Students are encouraged to take pride in their personal appearance and ensure that it does not disrupt student work or school order, become distracting to others, or violate health/safety guidelines.

	Elementary School Dress Code	Middle School Dress Code	High School Dress Code
Shirts	Shirts must have a collar AND must be 1) solid blue, green, or white, or 2) have an official MICS logo from the Raptor Wearhouse school store. Visible undershirts must be solid blue, green, or white.	Shirts must have a collar AND must be solid blue, green, or white, or have an official MICS logo from the Raptor Wearhouse school store. Visible undershirts must be solid blue, green, or white. OR Be provided by the Raptor Wearhouse, MICS-approved spirit packs, or a MICS athletic team AND have an official MICS logo or official MICS team logo.	Shirts that do not violate any dress code restrictions are permitted.
Pants, Dresses, Jumpers, Shorts, Skirts, Skorts	Pants, shorts, and skirts/skorts must be solid khaki, black or navy. Cotton or poly-blend material only.  Polo-style dresses or jumpers must be solid blue, green, or khaki.  Tights/leggings (only worn under above items) must be solid navy, white, or black.		Pants (including athletic pants), jumpers, shorts, dresses, and skirts/skorts that do not violate dress code restrictions are permitted.  In the event students are required to wear professional dress as a result of a sporting or other event, such requirement shall supersede.
Shoes	Shoes must fully cover the toes and the back of the heel.	Shoes must meet all dress code requirements listed below. Sandals must have front or back buckles and remain buckled.	
Outerwear, Headwear, & Face coverings	Outerwear is prohibited inside school buildings with the exception of sweaters (blue, green, or white) and sweatshirts/pullover (blue, green, or white). Any color sweater or sweatshirt/pullover provided by the Raptor Wearhouse or MICS-approved spirit packs AND has an official MICS logo or official MICS team logo is permitted. Sweaters and sweatshirts/pulovers must meet requirements for brand names/logos and graphics, or have an official MICS logo.  Plain headbands no wider than 2" worn specifically for pulling hair back are the only headwear permitted.  Face coverings (excluding bandanas) meeting NC requirements can be of any color/pattern and must not violate any dress code restrictions, including brand name/logo and graphics		Outerwear is prohibited inside school buildings with the exception of sweaters and sweatshirts/pulovers. Sweaters and sweatshirts/pulovers must meet requirements for brand names/logos and graphics or have an official MICS logo or official MICS team logo from the Raptor Wearhouse or MICS-approved spirit pack.  Plain headbands no wider than 2" worn specifically for pulling back hair are the only headwear permitted.  Face coverings (excluding bandanas) meeting NC requirements can be of any color/pattern and must not violate any dress code restrictions including brand name/logo and graphics
Brand Names/ Logos & Graphics	Visible brand names/logos (other than official MICS logos or official MICS team logos) must be small enough to be covered by the hand, except for outerwear worn outside school buildings.  Clothing may not contain any type of graphics other than clothing logos/brand names or official MICS graphics.		Clothing may not contain any type of graphics other than clothing logos/brand names, official MICS graphics and neutral graphics related to a college/university or official military branch.

## Dress Code Restrictions for All Students

- For grades K-8, athletic or similar clothing (warm-ups, sweatpants, yoga pants, athletic joggers, etc.) unless worn for Physical Education (see below) or otherwise permitted in the Dress Code.
- Clothing with rips and holes that reveal a student's skin.
- Clothing that is excessively baggy or otherwise allows for concealed items.
- Clothing that is skin-tight.
- Tops that expose underwear (eg, bras, bralettes, bandeau bras, cami bras, etc.), chests/cleavage, waists, shoulders, or backs.
- Bottoms that expose underwear or waists. Bottoms must be secured at the waistline, not allowing them to sag, regardless of whether or not the shirt covers the waistline. Belts may be required if bottoms cannot remain secured at the waistline on their own.
- Clothing materials (loose weave, mesh, lace, etc.) that expose underwear or other garments underneath that do not meet other requirements.
- Skirts and dresses/tunics that do not reach the fingertips with shoulders relaxed and arms and hands fully extended. However, leggings may be worn under skirts and dresses/tunics, in which case skirts and dresses/tunics must reach the middle of the fingers with shoulders relaxed and with arms and hands fully extended.
- Shorts/skorts that do not reach the middle of the fingers with shoulders relaxed and with arms and hands fully extended.
- Sleepwear and similar types of overly casual or unkempt clothing.
- Bedroom slippers, flip flops, and slides.
- Hats, head coverings, and hoods when inside any building (not including religious head coverings).
- Non-prescription eyewear when inside any building.
- Traditional-style bandanas (paisley pattern on solid color) may not be worn or made visible.
- Any other items related to student appearance that would reasonably be expected to 1) disrupt the learning environment or 2) be unsafe.

### Exceptions or Potential Exceptions:

**Physical education classes:** Students must wear athletic clothing and athletic shoes. Athletic clothing must follow all applicable dress code guidelines, except for requirements related to length, color, and brand names/logos. Length of athletic shorts must be appropriate for the physical education learning environment.

**Field trips** are an extension of the regular school day; all regular dress code guidelines apply, unless designated otherwise.

**Game day attire:** All student athletes are required to wear professional attire as directed by the athletic department for the entire school day until entry into the locker room to change for the game. Any student not meeting this expectation is rendered ineligible for that day's game.

**Spirit days** will occur on the last school day of the week, as well as on other designated days. All students are encouraged to wear official MICS spirit shirts or shirts from MICS-approved spirit packs. Elementary and middle school students who purchase a dress down pass may wear traditional denim shorts, skirts/skorts or pants. Middle school students that purchase a dress down pass may also wear athletic pants (but not shorts) provided by the Raptor Wearhouse, MICS-approved spirit packs, or an MICS athletic team AND have an official MICS logo or official MICS team logo. High school students may wear traditional denim throughout the week.

**Spirit week** (occurring once or twice a year) descriptions will specify the attire and potential dress code variations permitted each day.

**After school and off campus activities:** All students participating in after school and off campus activities are subject to all provisions of the handbook, including the dress code above. During after school and off campus activities, the dress code may be enforced at the discretion of school leadership.

Students who violate dress code guidelines will receive consequences in accordance with the discipline plan, including eventual loss of the privilege to participate in all school activities and immediate suspension if they refuse to comply. Also, students will not be permitted to return to class until they are wearing clothes that meet dress code. If they cannot have a change of clothes brought to them, they will be offered a change of clothes and may be charged for this clothing if not returned within five school days. Administration may interpret and/or make changes to this policy as fashion trends change and unique situations arise.