

## Dress Code

Marion Charter School has a uniform code in order to help create a sense of unity among all and to limit student distractions. All students are expected to come to school wearing clean uniforms, shoes, and appropriate undergarments. It is also expected that students' hair will be clean, free of lice and nits, and that their bodies will be clean and odor-free. The following is a description of the uniform clothing that is acceptable at Marion Charter School:

- Solid (red, navy or light blue) shirts with collar, tucked into (khaki, navy blue, gray, or black) shorts, slacks, jumper or skirts. No strips, plaid or designs other than the MCS Logo are permitted on tops.
- Close-toed and heeled shoes with socks. For safety reasons, shoes with wheels and/or skates may NOT be worn on school campus at any time. Close-toed and heeled shoes must be worn at all times, even on "no-uniform" days. Remember, students have PE every day, so they need appropriate shoes, like sneakers.
- On Fridays students may wear their MCS T-shirt and a neat pair of well-fitted blue jeans – Students not choosing to wear the MCS T-shirt will dress in regular uniform shirts and may wear neat, well fitted blue jeans. (No colored jeans or jeans with holes.)
- Students may NOT wear hooded jackets with the hood on indoors or hats inside the school. These are recommended to be left at home.
- Students are asked to wear shorts under their skirts or jumpers
- Pants are to be worn at the waist and be well fitted (not hanging below the waist).

Students will be told when they are out of uniform once and a note will be sent home to parents or a phone call will be made. Staff may be able to provide uniform clothing to the student to borrow for that day. The second time, parents will be called and asked to bring the correct clothing to school for their child. If hoods or hats are worn in the school, the student will be asked to not bring them again. If it occurs again, the item will be confiscated until a parent is able to take them home. On occasion (usually every other Friday), a child may earn a no-uniform day. Parents will always be notified if this in writing.

We do not want clothing to be a hardship for any parent. The School Counselor will work with parents to help all students dress in uniform, however, if this becomes a habitual problem, the student may be asked to return to his/her base school.

The following items may NOT be worn to school at any time, including “no-uniform” days:

- Clothing with obscene, scary, distracting or offensive language or images
- Shorts, skirts, or skorts that do not come to at least mid-thigh length
- Muscle shirts that show the chest or area under the arms
- Clothing that is overly tight or revealing, including clothes with holes
- Shoes with heels over ½ inch in height (not safe for PE)
- Pajamas or bedroom attire (unless for a special event such as Kindergarten PJ day)
- Hats (allowed during PE only to prevent sunburn and must be worn properly)

\*The Director or designee will have final discretion in determining if the article of clothing is not appropriate.