

Dress Code

2023-2024

Apparel Suppliers

- Risse Brothers School Uniforms (www.rissebrothers.com)—MND skirts and polos.
- MND Spirit Shop—MND skirts and polos, uniform sweatpants, spirit wear.

Dress Code*

There are **regular dress code days** (Mondays – Thursdays), **spirit wear days** (all Fridays unless otherwise designated), and **out of uniform days** (administrative approved jeans/sweats days). Additionally, MND requires that students have a “**dressy**” uniform that is appropriate for special occasions: masses and prayer services, designated assemblies, certain field trips, Capstone Presentation (seniors), interviews, press releases, and other occasions when they need to present themselves in a more “professional” manner.

Regular Dress Code Days

Tops (Monday-Thursday)

- White or light blue short-sleeved or long-sleeved polo with an MND logo.
- MND sweatshirt or fleece with an MND logo. (If a student intends to take her sweatshirt off during the day, she must have a uniform polo on underneath.)

Optional:

- Seniors may wear their senior t-shirts and sweatshirts.
- White or blue t-shirts under the polo (colored or printed t-shirts that show through the polo are not permitted).

Skirts/Pants (Monday-Friday)

- Navy blue skirt must be worn **fully zipped at all times** and fall no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Skirts must be in good condition and hemmed properly.
- Khaki-colored pants, capris, or corduroys that are straight-legged or boot-cut, in good condition, unadorned (by fringe, embroidery or metal studs) and are not too tight. Pants may have hip or back pockets. Knit pants or cargo pants with pockets on the leg are not permitted.
- From December 1 until the last day of February, students may wear designated “winter uniform sweatpants” that are sold only in the MND Spiritwear Shop. This date range may be extended based upon weather conditions.

Foot/Leg Wear (Monday-Friday)

- Tights/Leggings: navy blue or black tights/leggings (full-footed, ankle-length or mid-calf), solid color—no patterns, may be worn under the skirt. Tights/leggings must be fitted to the ankle (no lose pants bottoms).
- Socks of any color or pattern may be worn.
- Shoes should be chosen with safety in mind. Various styles of footwear are not suitable for a school environment with high traffic areas, stairwells, etc.
 - Rubber-soled, closed toe shoes are to be worn.
 - The back of the shoe must cover at least half of the heel or have a strap to secure the shoe on the foot.
 - Soft-soled “slippers” or slipper-like shoes are not permitted.
 - Boots are acceptable.

*MND is currently evaluating our Dress Code. If there are any changes, those would occur for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Spirit Wear Days & Out of Dress Code Days

- Every Friday, unless otherwise announced, students may wear any MND spirit wear top (club shirts, school musical shirts, sport team shirts, etc.) that is in good condition. The only exception is a senior t-shirt from previous years, reserved only for that class.
- On jeans/sweats days, students may be out of uniform according to the specifications given for the day. All clothing must be in good condition, fit properly, and contain only appropriate messages.
- Shorts must be longer than the shirt/sweatshirt worn.

“Dressy” Uniform Days

Tops

- Solid white short-sleeved or long-sleeved dressy blouse. It must have a collar and may be worn untucked. The blouse may not be sheer.
- Blouses should be ironed/without excessive wrinkles.
- Undergarments must be flesh toned so as to not be visible under the blouse.
- Optional: A solid white or solid black cardigan sweater.

Skirts/Pants

- Solid black skirt (knee-length, mid-calf length, or ankle-length) OR solid black pants (ankle-length or mid-calf-length).
- Pinstriped, printed, patterned, and charcoal gray skirts or pants are not permitted.
- Leggings, yoga pants, athletic stretch pants or other tight, form-fitting pants or skirts are NOT acceptable for special occasions.

Foot/Leg Wear

- Solid black flat “dressy” shoes with closed toes and closed heels are required.
- Shoes must be leather or faux-leather with dark soles.
- Sandals, gym shoes, or other canvas shoes, moccasins, or boots are not acceptable.
- Shoes should be comfortable ones that can be worn all day.
- Only black tights or black socks are permitted.

Prohibited Items (all days)

- Outdoor apparel worn indoors (including hats, wide bands, bandanas, scarves, heavy winter jackets, gloves, etc.).
- Senior t-shirts from previous senior classes.
- Any underwear/t-shirt hanging below tops; shorts hanging below skirts.
- Any color t-shirt other than white or blue showing at the neck under the uniform polo (including seniors).
- Sweatpants or any long pants (including pajama bottoms) under skirts; note that pajama bottoms are NEVER permitted—even on out-of-dress code days.
- Any item of apparel which is too short, too tight, or in disrepair.
- Students may not pull up a hood on their head in the school building.
- White out, paint, or marker, etc. may NOT be applied to any uniform item.
- Students may not carry plush toys, animals, pillows, or blankets with them in the school building. These items need to be stored in a backpack or locker.

Questions?

- Dress Code questions may be directed to Mrs. Theresa Hale, Assistant Principal for Student Development, at thale@mndhs.org or 513-821-3044 ext. 102.
- Spirit Shop questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Smith-Reeves at ksmithreeves@mndhs.org.