

DRESS CODE

2024 - 2025

Dress Code

There are **regular dress code days** 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

- Any official Mount Notre Dame (MND) logo top/t-shirt and/or any official MND logo sweatshirt. Sweatshirts should be in good repair and should not be ripped or cut.
 - NOTE:** Senior t-shirts from previous years are reserved only for that class and may not be worn.
- Coats and jackets (MND or other) are not permitted during the school day.
- Optional: Seniors may wear their official MND senior t-shirts and sweatshirts.
- Starting August 2025, students will no longer be permitted to wear hoodie sweatshirts as part of the dress code.**

Skirts/Skorts/Pants

On any day students may wear any self-purchased navy-blue skirt or navy-blue skort provided it meets the outlined standards.

- Skirts/skorts must be solid (no stripes or accent colors) navy-blue, utilizing the navy-blue color swatch provided to families. Built-in shorts for a skort must also be navy-blue.
- Skirts/skorts must be fully skirted around the body (should look like a skirt from the front and back), without any open or overlapping sides. A small slit/notch/scallop is allowed at the sides.
- Skirts/skorts can have pleats or tiers but should not be made of mesh fabric.
- The length of the skirt/skort should be no shorter than the bottom of the student’s thumb when her arms are extended straight at her side.
- Students who choose a navy-blue skirt must wear a solid navy-blue fitted (biker) short underneath that is not longer than the skirt OR a solid navy-blue fitted leggings underneath that falls below the knee and is not longer than the ankle.
- Logos are not permitted at the bottom of the skirt/skort/leggings but may be present on a small scale at the waistband since it will not likely be visible.

On any day students may wear any self-purchased navy-blue jogger/track pants provided they meet the outlined standards.

- Joggers/track pants must be solid (no stripes or accent colors) navy-blue, utilizing the navy-blue color swatch provided to families.
- The jogger/track pants must be structured and may not have cargo-style pockets. They must have a loose fit, not tight to the leg. In other words, they should fit like a pant, not oversized/baggy and should not be fitted or flared leggings.
- Joggers/track pants should be ankle length. They may be tapered to the ankle or straight leg (not wide leg, bootcut, flared or bell). At the ankle, the pants can have a jogger-style wide cuff band or a traditional hem. An elasticized gathering (like a retro sweat pant) is not allowable.
- Logos on the jogger/track pants may be present on a small scale at the waistband since it will not likely be visible.
- Seniors may wear their official MND senior spirit wear bottoms.

NOTE: This option replaces the uniform sweatpants and khaki pants from previous years.

Footwear

- Socks of any color or pattern may be worn.
- Shoes should be chosen with safety in mind. Some footwear is not suitable for a school environment with high traffic areas, stairwells, etc. Soft-soled slippers or slipper-like shoes are not permitted.
- Approved footwear includes rubber-soled, closed toe shoes. The back of the shoe must cover at least half of the heel or have a strap to secure the shoe on the foot. Boots are acceptable.

Out of Dress Code Days

- 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 any shirt/sweatshirt worn.

Dressy Uniform Days

When a student is required to be in dressy uniform, it is expected that the student is compliant with all parts of the dressy uniform dress code (tops, skirts/pants, and shoes).

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.
- **NOTE:** MND is researching and considering a required, MND-branded white top for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

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 may not have a white rubber platform base).
- Shoes must be dressy and have dark soles. (Think of a leather or faux-leather ballet flat.)
- Sandals, gym shoes, or other canvas shoes, moccasins, or boots are not acceptable.
- Shoes should be comfortable so they can be worn all day. Changing into non-dressy shoes is not allowable.
- Only black tights or black socks are permitted with the dressy uniform.

Prohibited Items (all days)

- Outdoor apparel worn indoors (including hats, bonnets, wide bands, bandanas, scarves, heavy winter jackets, rain jackets, gloves, etc.).
- Senior t-shirts from previous senior classes.
- Sweatpants or any long pants (including pajama bottoms) under skirts/skorts.
- 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.
- Purses or crossbody bags should not be worn in bathrooms or at assemblies/mass. Teachers may ask students to take off purses or crossbody bags in their classrooms at their discretion.

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.

Skorts/Skirts

- Any Navy Blue Skirt or Skort that follows the Dress Code Guidelines
 - Solid Navy Blue - no stripes or accent colors
 - No shorter than the tip of the thumb with arms straight at sides
 - Fully skirted - no mesh
 - Only small logo at waistband allowed
 - Skirts must be worn with Navy Blue fitted biker shorts or Navy Blue leggings
 - Skorts must have Navy Blue fitted short



Pants

- Any Navy Blue Structured Jogger/Track Pant that follows the Dress Code Guidelines
 - Solid Navy Blue - no stripes or accent colors
 - Not oversized/baggy
 - Not Leggings
 - Straight, tapered or cuffed at the ankle (no wide leg)
 - Khakis are no longer allowable



The Skort/Skirt and Pants options described above may be worn any day of the school year, with the exception of Dressy Uniform Days.

USE THESE NAVY BLUE COLOR SWATCHES TO GUIDE YOUR SELECTIONS.
THE NAVY BLUE SHOULD BE DARK BLUE, NOT ROYAL BLUE.

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MND Dress Code Updates

2024-2025

Tops

- Choices Include:
 - Any official MND Logo Top
 - Any official MND Logo Sweatshirt
- Starting August 2025, Hoodies will NOT be allowed to be worn during the school day



Shoes

- No Changes to Shoe Dress Code
- 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 if they fit the code



Sport Mode Only

Dressy Uniform

- No Changes to the Dressy Uniform for the 2024-2025 School Year
- MND will likely require a branded white top next school year



MND's complete Dress Code Guidelines are located in the MND Student and Family Handbook. A one-page Dress Code document is also available. Both documents will be posted to BAND.