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# DRESS CODE AND UNIFORM POLICY 2025-2026

# MLS Dress Code and Uniform Policy

MLS is a classical Lutheran school with a culture of discipline, tradition, and excellence. The MLS dress code and uniform policy support and reinforce these values.

#### **Two Uniforms**

Students in preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are expected to dress according to two levels of uniforms. Students may always appear in full-dress uniform, though it is only required for performances and days with Divine Service (typically Wednesdays). Otherwise, students may wear the daily uniform. Please note that our <u>uniform</u> pieces are not intended to mix and match across the two levels.

When a single week contains more than one full-dress occasion, students should wear full-dress uniforms for school-day events, but they may change into dress uniforms for after-school events.

#### **Special Dress Days**

Special dress days include opportunities for spirit and holiday outfits. Several special dress days consist of shirts replacing the uniform polo with remaining uniform requirements intact. House days are celebrated with house-colored shirts (Matthew: purple; Mark: yellow; Luke: blue; John: red). Non-MLS shirts should be without image or text.

#### **Outer Ware**

In addition to uniforms, on daily dress days, students may wear an MLS monogrammed sweater, cardigan, or monogrammed fleece; or, when earned, an MLS high school letter jacket. On full-dress days, students may wear an MLS monogrammed blazer, vest or sweater. High school students wear school green outerwear, and everyone else wears school navy outerwear.

## **Additional Requirements**

All clothing is to fit appropriately, with modest coverage and length, and be clean, untorn, unstained. **All shirts must be tucked in except at gym or recess.** 

All hair should be kept clean, neat, and trimmed, including facial hair. Hair styles should be in good taste and conservative in style. Any distracting hair style or accessory, including dye, bangs in the eyes, or boy's hair below mid-ear or collar are not permitted. All decorative hair ornaments are to match the colors of the uniform (uniform plaid, black, white, green, and navy).

Only girls may wear earrings, and they are restricted to a single pair of studs or posts in the lobe.

Girls in sixth grade and above may wear makeup, but it may not be excessive. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in removal of makeup and/or loss of makeup privilege.

Tattoos, whether temporary or permanent, are not permitted.

MLS faculty and administration reserve the right to require students to modify any elements of dress or appearance that are inconsistent with the culture of the school at school or schoolsponsored event. Teachers recognize distractions, and deans and the headmaster determine questions about good taste.

- No distracting clothing or accessories are permitted.
- No short shorts, exposed midriffs, or any semblance of undress are permitted on site or at any school-sponsored event.
- No dresses or skirts that fall shorter than 1-inch above the knee. If unavoidable, leggings are required.

If you find yourself in sudden need of uniform pieces, contact the school's front office to access our Uniform Exchange.

#### **UNIFORM SUPPLIER & UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

<u>Lands' End</u> serves as the MLS uniform supplier. The MLS school number is 900153529. When you sign up for a Lands' End account, save the MLS code to your account under "My School's Dress Code." Add each student by grade to view and shop from MLS approved items.

#### Please note:

- Some items are available in both Kids and Adult sizes, which is helpful regarding both width and length.
- There is a return policy, even for monogrammed products.
- It does take a while to receive monogrammed products, so consider ordering earlier rather than later.
- Periodic sales are shared in the school's weekly newsletter.

Stores, such as Target and Kohls, may have suitable khakis, belts, etc. However, <u>cargo pants are not acceptable</u>; visible branding must be avoided; and all uniform items are to blend precisely with Lands' End styles and colors.

# GIRLS IN 9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12TH

# Girls' in 9th through 12th Full-Dress Uniform

- White monogrammed Lands' End blouse
- Lands' End Navy tie
- Green monogrammed Lands' End blazer
- Lands' End Plaid box pleat skirt
- Navy or black cartwheel shorts or leggings
- Solid white socks
- Black flats or black and white Saddle Oxfords

# Girls' in 9th through 12th Daily Uniform

#### Either

• Lands' End navy uniform dress

#### Or

- White monogrammed Lands' End polo shirt
- Lands' End plaid or navy skirt or skort
- Navy or black cartwheel shorts or leggings
- Solid black or white socks
- Black, white, or black and white tennis shoes or flats

# PE Uniform\*

- MLS gym shirt
- MLS gym shorts
- Gym shoes

Shirts must be tucked in, and adult sizes are encouraged due to length. Makeup is allowed but may not be excessive. Those not adhering to this policy may be asked to remove their makeup immediately.

<sup>\*</sup>Please keep deodorant in the PE locker for routine use.

# BOYS IN 9TH THROUGH 12TH

# Boys' in 9th through 12th Full-Dress Uniform

- White monogrammed button-down Oxford shirt from Lands' End
- Lands' End striped uniform tie
- Lands' End Monogrammed blazer
- Opt. monogrammed navy sweater vest
- Navy dress pants
- Black or brown belt (to match shoes)
- Solid navy dress socks
- Dark brown, Oxblood, or black dress shoe

## Boys' in 9th through 12th Daily Uniform

- A white monogrammed polo or button-down Oxford shirt from Lands' End
- Khaki or navy pants are required November through February. Khaki shorts may be worn August through October and March through May.
- Black or brown belt (to match shoes)
- Either white athletic socks or dress socks in solid khaki or navy to match the pants
- Black, white, or black and white shoes

# PE Uniform\*

- MLS gym shirt
- MLS gym shorts
- Gym shoes

Shirts should be tucked in, pants worn appropriately, etc. Pants should fit appropriately and have no holes or tears. Hair must be trimmed regularly, including facial hair.

<sup>\*</sup>Please keep deodorant in the PE locker for routine use.

# GIRLS IN KINDER THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup>

# Girls' in Kinder through 8th Full-Dress Uniform

**Either** White monogrammed Lands' End blouse Lands' End navy tie Lands' End plaid skirt

Or Lands' End plaid jumper
White Lands' End blouse with Peter Pan collar (navy trim)

With Navy or black cartwheel shorts or leggings
White socks
Black, white, or black and white tennis shoes or flats
Lands' End monogrammed navy cardigan required from
November-February

# Girls' in Kinder through 8th Daily Uniform

Either Monogrammed green or navy Lands' End polo dress

**Or** Monogrammed green or navy Lands' End polo shirt Lands' End plaid skirt or skort

With Navy or black cartwheel shorts or leggings (unless skort)
Black or white socks
Black, white, or black and white tennis shoes or flats

# PE Uniform for Fifth Grade and Higher\*

- MLS gym shirt
- MLS gym shorts
- Gym shoes

Shirts must be tucked in. Makeup is only allowed for those in sixth grade or older and may not be excessive. Those not adhering to this policy may be asked to remove their makeup immediately.

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# **BOYS IN KINDER THROUGH 8TH**

# Boys' in Kinder through 8th Full-Dress Uniform

- White monogrammed button-down Oxford shirt from Lands' End
- Lands' End plaid tie
- Monogrammed navy sweater vest required November-February
- Long khaki pants
- Black or brown belt (to match shoes) (opt. for kinder)
- White socks
- Dark brown, Oxblood, or black dress shoes or black, white, or black and white tennis shoes

# Boys' in Kinder through 8th Daily Uniform

- Navy or green monogrammed Lands' End polo shirt
- Khaki pants or shorts
- Black or brown belt (to match shoes) (opt. for kinder)
- Black or white socks
- Black, white, or black and white shoes

# PE Uniform for Fifth Grade and Higher\*

- MLS gym shirt
- MLS gym shorts
- Gym shoes

Shirts should be tucked in. Pants should fit appropriately and have no holes or tears. Hair must be trimmed regularly.

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# GIRLS IN PRESCHOOL & PRE-K

#### Girls' in Preschool & Pre-K Full-Dress Uniform

- Lands' End plaid jumper
- Lands' End white blouse with Peter Pan collar (navy trim)
- Navy or black cartwheel shorts or leggings
- White socks or tights
- Black, white, or black and white tennis shoes or flats
- Navy monogrammed cardigan required November-February

# Girls' in Preschool & PreK Daily Uniform

Either Navy or green monogrammed Lands' End polo dress

- Or Navy or green monogrammed Lands' End polo shirt Lands' End plaid skirt or skort Navy or black cartwheel shorts or leggings (unless skort)
- **Or** White monogrammed Lands' End polo Lands' End navy jumper (Available for smaller sizes)
- **With** Black or white socks
  Black, white, or black and white shoes

Shirts are to be tucked in.

# **BOYS IN PRESCHOOL & PRE-K**

## Boys' in Preschool & PreK Full-Dress Uniform

- White monogrammed button-down Oxford shirt from Lands' End
- Lands' End monogrammed navy sweater vest required November-February
- Long khaki pants
- White socks
- Dress shoes or white, black, or black and white tennis shoes

#### Boys' in Preschool & PreK Daily Uniform

- Navy or green monogrammed Lands' End polo shirt
- Khaki pants or khaki shorts
- Black or white socks
- Black, white, or black and white shoes

Shirts are to be tucked in. No tie or belt required.



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