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# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL DRESS CODE AND UNIFORM POLICY 2023–2024

# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL DRESS CODE

MLS is a classical, Lutheran school with a unique culture of discipline, tradition, and excellence, and the dress code and uniform policy are designed to support and reinforce these values. Modesty is a virtue for boys and girls, men and women, and the faculty and staff of MLS understand it to pertain both to covering appropriately and to avoiding ostentation. All individuals on the school campus must be fully and modestly dressed.

All students in Preschool through 12th grade are required to wear daily and full dress uniforms, supplied by Lands' End, using school number 900153529. If suitable uniform pieces are found elsewhere, such as uniform khaki (non-cargo) pants or polos, MLS monogramming is also available from Astro Apparel and Uniform (713-975-0787). Complete uniform details are accessible on the online Parent Hub.

There are some minor changes for the 2023–2024 school year and following. Also, please note that our uniform pieces are not intended to mix and match beyond the included descriptions.

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 must match the colors of the uniform (uniform plaid, black, white, green, and navy).

No distracting clothing or accessories are permitted. Only girls may wear earrings and they are restricted to a single pair of studs or posts in the lobe. In sixth grade, girls may wear makeup, but it may not be excessive. Girls not adhering to this policy may be asked to remove the makeup immediately. Tattoos (temporary or permanent) are not permitted.

All clothing is to fit appropriately. All shirts must be tucked in, except at gym or recess. Children grow and that should be kept in mind when ordering. Boys must have shirts and pants that actually fit. Girls must wear dresses and skirts that measure no shorter than 1-inch above the knee. If there is a growth spurt, girls must wear leggings until the next size arrives. Also, please note that cartwheel shorts or leggings are to be worn every day under dresses and skirts.

Shoes are required at all times. Shoes are not to exceed typical heights: no high heels, platforms, etc. Shoes are to be closed-toe, solid black, solid white, or a combination of black and white with no color or sparkles, included logos. Dress shoes, when worn, should be solid black, solid white, or a combination.

Any time swimsuits are allowed, suits are to be modest, and, as a school, we prefer rash-guard tops to prevent sunburns and student mischief with sunscreen. Water shoes of any color are required for Splash Day.

The 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. Teachers recognize distractions. Deans and the headmaster determine questions about good taste.

#### **UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

Gently used uniforms may be turned in to the school office. Collecting these generally allows for several Uniform Exchange Days throughout the year. Shopping at the uniform exchange is entirely free. Families may also contact Ms. Terri Boyd if uniform needs arise.

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

# Girls' in 9th through 12th Full Dress Uniform: Wednesday, Performances, and as Announced

White monogrammed blouse
Monogrammed blazer
Navy scarf or tie
Plaid box pleat skirt
Navy or black cartwheel shorts or, in winter, navy or black leggings
Solid white socks (ankle or higher)
Black flats or black and white Saddle Oxfords

# Girls's in 9th through 12th Daily Uniform: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

White monogrammed polo shirt (short or long sleeve)
Plaid or navy skirt or skort (or blue uniform dress)
Navy or black cartwheel shorts or, in winter, navy or black leggings:
Solid white socks
Solid white, solid black, or black and white tennis shoes or Full Dress shoes

# Girls' in 9th through 12th Spirit Days

MLS Spirit Shirt
Uniform skirt or skort (It will be announced if jeans are appropriate.)
Cartwheel shorts or leggings with the skirt
Solid white socks (ankle or higher)
Daily or Full Dress shoe

Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> also require a PE uniform, consisting of a shirt and shorts available through Lands' End.

Inside the building, they may also wear a monogrammed green button-front or pullover cardigan, green monogrammed fleece, or a school-issued jacket. Hoodies are not part of the approved school uniform.

All uniforms or costumes, on every occasion, are to be appropriately modest and clean. Shirts should be tucked in. Polo shirts are to be buttoned, pants worn appropriately, etc.

Girls of this age are allowed to wear makeup, but it may not be excessive. Girls not adhering to this policy may be asked to remove the makeup immediately.

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

Boys' in 9th through 12th Full Dress Uniform: Wednesdays, Performances, and as Announced

White monogrammed button-down oxford shirt

Striped uniform tie

Monogrammed blazer

(November through February, one can wear an optional monogrammed navy sweater vest)

Lands' End Navy dress pants

Belt to match shoes

Solid navy dress socks

Dark brown dress show or Lands' End Men's Leather Slip-on Penny Loafer in Oxblood

Boys' in 9th through 12th Daily Uniform: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Either a white monogrammed polo shirt or a white monogrammed button-down oxford shirt

Khaki or navy pants

(khaki shorts may be work August through October and March through May)

Belt to match shoes

Either white athletic socks or dress socks in solid khaki or navy, matching the pants

Solid white, solid black, or black and white tennis shoes or Full Dress shoes

# Boys' in 9th through 12th Spirit Days

MLS Spirit Shirt

Khaki pants or shorts (It will be announced if jeans are appropriate.)

Brown or black belt is optional

Solid white socks (crew or athletic)

Daily or Full Dress shoe

Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> also require a PE uniform, consisting of a shirt and shorts available through Lands' End.

Inside the building, they may also wear a monogrammed green fleece, a uniform green vest, or a school-issued jacket. Hoodies are not part of the approved school uniform.

# GIRLS IN 6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 8TH

Girls' in 6th through 8th Full Dress Uniform: Wednesday, Performances, and as Announced

**Either** White monogrammed blouse

Lands' End Sailor Tie or Navy Cross Tie

Plaid skirt, navy or black cartwheel shorts or leggings

**Or** Plaid jumper and white blouse with Peter Pan collar

**With** White socks (ankle or higher)

Black flats, Oxford Saddle shoes, or daily uniform shoes

AND A monogrammed navy cardigan is required from November through February

Girls' in 6th through 8th Daily Uniform: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

A monogrammed navy or green polo shirt (short or long sleeved)

Plaid skirt or skort

(Navy or black cartwheel shorts or leggings with skirt)

White socks (ankle or higher)

Solid white, solid black, or black and white tennis shoes, Mary Jane, or Oxford Saddle

# Girls' in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>h</sup> Spirit Days

MLS Spirit Shirt

Uniform skirt or skort (It will be announced if jeans are appropriate.)

(Navy or black cartwheel shorts or leggings with the skirt)

Solid white socks (ankle or higher)

Daily or Full Dress shoe

Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> also require a PE uniform, consisting of a shirt and shorts available through Lands' End.

Inside the building, they may also wear a monogrammed navy fleece or cardigan or pullover cardigan, or a school-issued jacket. Hoodies are not part of the approved school uniform.

All uniforms or costumes, on every occasion, are to be appropriately modest and clean. Shirts should be tucked in. Polo shirts are to be buttoned, pants worn appropriately, etc.

Girls of this age may wear makeup, but it may not be excessive. Girls not adhering to this policy may be asked to remove the makeup immediately.

# GIRLS IN 3<sup>RD</sup> THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup>

Girls' in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Full Dress Uniform: Wednesday, Performances, and as Announced

Either White monogrammed blouse

Navy tie Plaid skirt

**Or** Plaid jumper

White blouse with Peter Pan collar (navy trim)

With Navy or black cartwheel shorts or navy or black leggings

White socks (ankle or higher)

Solid white, solid black, or black and white shoes

**AND** A monogrammed navy cardigan is required from November through February

Girls' in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Daily Uniform: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**Either** A monogrammed green or navy polo dress

Or A monogrammed navy or green polo shirt (short or long sleeved)

Plaid skirt or skort

**With** Navy or black cartwheel shorts or navy or black leggings

White socks (ankle or higher)

Solid white, solid black, or black and white shoes

Girls' in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Spirit

MLS Spirit Shirt

Uniform skirt or skort (It will be announced if jeans are appropriate.)

(Navy or black cartwheel shorts or navy or black leggings with the skirt)

Solid white socks (ankle or higher)

Daily uniform shoe

Inside the building, they may also wear a monogrammed navy fleece, cardigan, or a school-issued jacket. Hoodies are not part of the approved school uniform.

# GIRLS IN K THROUGH 2ND

Girls' in K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Dress Uniform: Wednesdays, Performances, and as Announced

White blouse with Peter Pan collar (navy trim)
Plaid jumper
Navy or black cartwheel shorts or navy or black leggings
White socks (ankle or higher) or tights (white)
Solid white, solid black, or black and white shoes
A monogrammed navy cardigan (required from November through February)

Girls' in K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Daily Uniform: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**Either** Navy or green monogrammed polo dress (short or long sleeved)

**Or** Navy or green monogrammed polo shirt (short or long sleeved) Plaid skirt or skort

With Navy or black cartwheel shorts or navy or black leggings White socks (ankle or higher) Solid white, solid black, or black and white shoes

# Girls' in K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Spirit Day

MLS Spirit Shirt
Uniform skirt or skort (It will be announced if jeans are appropriate.)
(Navy or black cartwheel shorts or navy or black leggings with the skirt)
Solid white socks (ankle or higher)
Daily uniform shoe

Inside the building, they may also wear a monogrammed fleece, cardigan, or a school-issued jacket. Hoodies are not part of the approved school uniform.

#### **BOYS IN KINDER THROUGH 8TH**

Boys' in Kinder through 8th Full Dress Uniform: Wednesday, Performances, and as Announced

White monogrammed button-down Oxford shirt

Plaid tie

Monogrammed navy sweater vest, required November through February

Long khaki pants (no shorts)

Black or brown belt (optional for Kinder but required for 1<sup>st</sup> and older)

White socks (crew or athletic)

Solid white, solid black, or black and white tennis shoes

Boys' in Kinder through 8th Daily Uniform: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Navy or green monogrammed polo shirt (short or long sleeved)

Khaki pants or khaki shorts

Black or brown belt (optional for Kinder but required for 1st and older)

White socks (crew or athletic)

Solid white, solid black, or black and white tennis shoes

# Boys' in K through 8<sup>th</sup> Spirit Day

MLS Spirit Shirt

Khaki pants or shorts (It will be announced if jeans are appropriate.)

Black or brown belt (optional for Kinder but required for 1st and older)

Solid white socks (ankle or higher)

Daily uniform shoe

Inside the building, they may also wear a monogrammed fleece, vest, or a school-issued jacket. Hoodies are not part of the approved school uniform.

#### GIRLS IN PRESCHOOL & PRE-K

Girls' in Preschool & Pre-K Full Dress Uniform: Wednesday, Performances, and as Announced

Lands' End plaid jumper
White blouse with Peter Pan collar (navy trim)
Navy or black cartwheel shorts or navy or black leggings
White socks (ankle or higher)
Solid white, solid black, or black and white shoes
Navy monogrammed cardigan required November through February

Girls' in Preschool & PreK Daily Uniform: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

#### Either Navy or green monogrammed polo dress

Or Navy or green monogrammed polo shirt (short or long sleeved)
Plaid skirt or skort
Navy or black cartwheel shorts or navy or black leggings with skirt

**Or** White polo Navy jumper (This option exists for those in need of smaller sizes)

**With** White socks (ankle or higher)
Solid white, solid black, or black and white shoe (no color logo)

#### Girls' in Preschool & PreK Spirit Day

MLS Spirit Shirt
Uniform skirt or skort (It will be announced if jeans are appropriate.)
(Navy or black cartwheel shorts or navy or black leggings with the skirt)
Solid white socks (ankle or higher)
Daily uniform shoe

Inside the building, they may also wear a monogrammed fleece or cardigan, or a school-issued jacket. Hoodies are not part of the approved school uniform.

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

Boy's in Preschool & PreK Full Dress Uniform: Wednesdays, Performances, and as Announced

White monogrammed button-down Oxford shirt
(No tie required)
Monogrammed navy sweater vest, required November through February
Long khaki pants (no shorts)
(No belt required)
White socks (crew or athletic)
Solid white, solid black, or black and white tennis shoes

Boys' in Preschool & PreK Daily Uniform: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Navy or green monogrammed polo shirt (short or long sleeved) Khaki pants or khaki shorts (No belt required) White socks (crew or athletic) Solid white, solid black, or black and white tennis shoes

#### Boys' in Preschool & PreK Spirit Day

MLS Spirit Shirt Khaki pants or shorts (It will be announced if jeans are appropriate.) Solid white socks (ankle or higher) Daily uniform shoe

Inside the building, they may also wear a monogrammed fleece, vest, or a school-issued jacket. Hoodies are not part of the approved school uniform.