

Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools

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MCES DRESS CODE (Young 5s through 8th Grade)

Uniforms promote a common bonding among the students and provide a means of identification. This unity will create an environment where the students' focus is on Christian values and education. Neatness, cleanliness, and a well-groomed appearance are expected. Please be aware that the MCES uniform policy is enforced and failure to follow it will result in a call home to bring appropriate items in for the student. Repeat offenses will result in disciplinary action.

Shirts

Plain white, navy blue, or black traditional polo shirts, collared, long or short sleeved. No emblems besides the MCES logo, which can be added by Lands End, All Heart Athletics (formerly Rick's) or Monroe Sports Varsity Athletics. The MCES logo is not required on shirts. Under Armor, Nike, etc...emblems are NOT permitted. Collared white, black or navy blue traditional fold-down turtlenecks and, for girls, white rounded or Peter Pan collared shirts are also permitted. Shirts must be tucked in slacks, shorts, or skirts. If t-shirts are worn under the school uniform shirt, it must be solid white with no visible designs or logos.

Slacks

Khaki only, pleated or flat front cotton twill slacks are required. Slacks must be worn with belts at the waist – not below the waist or dragging on the ground – not baggy or oversized. Cargo, jogger, carpenter, painter, or polyester knits (stretch) are not allowed.

Shorts

Khaki only walking shorts, pleated or flat front cotton twill, at the knee or no more than two inches above the knee. Students may wear shorts from August through October 1 and from May 1 through June.

Skirts

Girls are required to wear plaid (Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid) Land's End skirts, skorts or jumpers. (Or, they may wear khaki pants/shorts as outlined above). Skirts, skorts and jumpers will be no more than 2" above the knee. Navy blue leggings may be worn under skirts/jumpers on cold days.

Sweaters

Navy blue or black solid, crew neck or cardigan, long-sleeve pullover sweater or sweater vest may be worn. All sweaters must be worn over a white/navy blue-collared shirt or white/navy blue turtleneck.

Fleece or Crew Sweatshirts

Full-zip or ¼-zip navy blue or black fleece with Monroe Catholic Elementary School logo, can be worn during the school day. Gray, black or navy blue crew neck sweatshirts or navy blue ¼-zip sweatshirts with MCES logo may also be worn during the school day. All fleece and sweatshirts must be worn over a uniform white/black/navy blue-collared shirt or white/black/navy blue turtleneck. Any fleeces or crew neck sweatshirts must include the logo. Absolutely no hooded sweatshirts or non-MCES sweatshirts may be worn during the school day.



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Belts

Plain belts, solid black or brown in color are required to be worn, starting in first grade, with slacks & shorts that have belt loops.

Shoes

Comfortable, appropriate, non-athletic looking casual or dress shoes with non-marking soles are to be worn. Colors include shades of brown, black, or navy blue. Tennis or athletic shoe styles in dark colors are not allowed. Shoes must be leather or suede and fully enclosed. Sandals, plastic shoes, flip-flops, clogs, crocs, canvas, HeyDudes, Vans, slippers or variations of such are not allowed. No heeled shoes are permitted. If selecting boat shoes, they must be leather or suede and tan, brown, khaki or sahara.

Socks

Socks of various colors and patterns are permitted, however socks must match each other.

Cosmetics, Cologne, and Jewelry

Nail polish may not be worn in grades K – 4. Subtle colored nail polish may be worn by girls in grades 5 – 8. Polish needs to be free of cracks & chips. Artificial nails are prohibited. Body piercing, visible tattoos, cologne/perfumes are prohibited.

Girls may wear small earrings with no more than one earring per ear, in earlobe only. Small hoops are acceptable. Boys may not wear earrings even if covered. A simple necklace is allowed. A reasonable size wrist watch is acceptable. Smart watches, including Apple watches, or any watch with a function other than telling time, are not permitted to be worn. No excessive amounts of jewelry may be worn.

Very modest cosmetics will only be allowed for 7th and 8th grade girls. Concealer, light powder, non-color chapstick, and a modest amount of mascara will be allowed. No foundation, blush, bronzer, highlighter, eye shadow, eye liner or lipstick.

Hair

Hair may not be dyed to unnatural hair colors (red, blue, purple, green, bleached, etc....). Boys' hair must be off the collar, above the eyebrows (out of eyes), and above the ear lobe. Girls with bangs must be above the eyebrows (out of eyes).

Head Gear

Girls' hair accessories should be simple and modest in size, color, and material. Hair bows, headbands, ribbons, scrunchies, hair clips are acceptable. Hats, bandanas, crowns, or visually distracting hair adornments are not allowed.

*MCES Administration has final say on acceptable adherence to the Dress Code Policy.



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Physical Education Dress Code

Students in Kindergarten – Grade 4 are required to wear Physical Education attire on physical education days with clean tennis shoes. Students in Grades 5 – 8 will wear the regular uniform and bring physical education attire to school to change into on PE day. The uniform is an MCES t-shirt with black mesh or solid cotton gym shorts that have the school logo on them. The MCES warm-up jacket and pants or sweatpants, and the MCES crew neck sweatshirt are permitted on colder days. All PE uniforms must have the MCES logo. No Nike, Under Armor, Adidas, etc... emblems are permitted for PE, even if the MCES logo is added. Contact All Heart Athletics (formerly Rick's Sports) for an official selection of PE Uniforms.

A note about gym uniforms:

Students are permitted to wear MCES t-shirts to gym as long as they are MCES and/or Crusaders spirit wear.

Non-Uniform/Dress Down Days

Bottoms : Jeans (no rips or fraying), joggers, athletic pants, or PE uniform bottoms. No shorts except PE uniform shorts.

Tops: t-shirt, sweater, sweatshirt, hoodie - SMCC and Crusader clothing are permitted.

Shoes: tennis shoes, boots, or crocs with the heel slide in place may be worn. No sandals or flip flops.

Shoes must have a back. No heeled shoes

Not allowed: anything offensive or political, nothing with holes, tears, cut outs, or fraying. Nothing too tight fitting, no bare midriffs, no tank tops, no sleeveless, no low cut or revealing. No leggings or pajamas. No sandals or flip flops. If you have any question on what is appropriate, please contact the office prior to wearing this item of clothing. Students who do not follow the above Non-uniform/dress down day policies will be required to call home for appropriate apparel.