



DRESS CODE AND REQUIRED CLOTHING

When shopping for school clothes to bring to MSMS, please note that your student will need the following items:

Table with 2 columns: MALES and FEMALES. Rows list clothing items such as Dress khaki pants, Dress shirt, Navy collared polo style shirt, Sports coat, Dress shoes, Socks, Raincoat or waterproof parka, Warm coat, Tennis shoes, Workout clothing, and Lab coat.

NOTE: To participate in band or choir, the standard attire is black pants and white tuxedo shirt.

You will receive a complete handbook during the summer; however, the MSMS dress code is provided below to assist you in selecting clothing items:

MSMS Dress Code

MSMS students do not wear uniforms; however, dress and grooming standards have been established to insure that the school climate reflects decency, safety, appropriateness, and a serious focus on learning. We recognize that fashions, styles, and trends evolve; therefore, the school reserves authority in matters which may arise and are not identified in the guidelines below.

The following standards must be followed at all times:

- 1. Undergarments must be worn and should not be visible; girls must wear bras; girls should wear slips under skirts/dresses made of thin fabric; boys may not go shirtless;
2. Footwear must be worn when outside the residence hall room;
3. Headware of any kind, sunglasses, and headphones (except during an academic activity) or any electronic listening device may not be worn inside academic buildings, the library, or at school sponsored programs held inside or outside.
4. Clothing may not contain slogans or images which are considered profane or vulgar, or promote tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, or gang affiliation, or considered insensitive to race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or gender;
5. Clothing considered sleepwear/loungewear may not be worn outside the residence halls or in the main residence hall lobby;
6. Clothing must provide adequate covering:
a. Skirts, dresses, shorts or similar attire must be a length such that when the arm is extended in a relaxed position the tip of the middle finger rests upon the fabric of the garment rather than skin; Skirts should be of a length and fabric such that a windy day will not cause underwear to be shown.
b. Muscle shirts, mesh/transparent tops, or low-cut tops are not permitted;
c. Shirts/blouses should be long enough that, at all times, they meet the top of the pants of skirt or shorts so that midriff, lower back, and/or underwear are not exposed
d. Strapless attire and spaghetti straps are prohibited outside the residence hall and in the main lobby of the residence hall. The only exception shall be Winter Formal and Prom.
e. Clothing may not have holes, cuts, slits, rips, or tears;
f. Midriffs, lower backs, and cleavage may not be exposed;
g. Unconventional hair colors (such as blue, green, pink, and purple) are not allowed;
h. Earrings, studs, or other items of adornment in visible pierced body parts other than the ear(s) are not allowed.
7. Waistbands must be worn at the waist;
8. Attire must be appropriate for the outside weather conditions.
9. Special on-campus and off-campus events may require a higher standard of dress.