

June 2021

Dear Parent and Guardian:

This past summer the Mount Carmel Area School district relaxed the dress code for the 2020-2021 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As communicated last summer, the district had full intentions of bringing back the dress code for the 2021-2022 school year. We would like to review the current dress code guidelines so families are able to prepare over the summer months. Please refer any questions related to the dress code policy to your building principal office at 570 339 1500. Also, due to generous donations from our local community we also have started a clothing drive. If any family is in need of clothing items please see <http://www.mca.k12.pa.us/wp/clothing-project/> for more information.

DRESS CODE

Students are required to be dressed according to the Mount Carmel Area Dress Code Policy (#221.) Please see below for general guidelines to policy #221.

General Guidelines:

1. Clothing must be of proper fit.
 - Skintight and form fitting clothing should not be worn. The following items are prohibited:
 - Leggings
 - Yoga Pants
 - Pajama pants
 - Jeans or denim material pants of any color
 - Leggings and yoga pants are also prohibited on dress down days. Jeans are permitted on dress down days
2. Casual athletic and workout type clothing is not permitted. The following items should **NOT** be worn:
 - Sweatpants,
 - Athletic pants and shorts
 - Warm-up pants
 - Any pants or shorts made from sweatpant material
 - The items listed above are permitted on dress down days for all students and on gym days at the elementary school.
3. Any solid color long or short sleeve golf shirt, button down dress shirt, crew neck, V-neck with or without approved school logo may be worn (No tank tops or midriff tops that expose the skin).
4. Slacks, shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses, and jumpers of any solid color are allowed but must be no more than 4 inches above the knee. Only solid stockings can be worn (i.e. no holes allowed.) *Slacks and shorts cannot be baggy, low rise, or cargo style.*

5. Any MCA shirts or sweatshirts without hoods of any kind are permitted, but must include MCA, Mount Carmel Area, or a Tornado Logo.
6. MCA shirts or sweatshirts without hoods can also be worn that represent an MCA athletic team, club, or activity. Shirts from NCCTC are permitted.
7. Hooded shirts of any kind are prohibited.
8. Hats, bandanas, headbands, gloves, chains, and belts with protruding pointed studs, are not permitted.
9. Studded jewelry or studded accessories of any kind are prohibited.
10. Logos of any size are not allowed (Unless the logo is on any MCA shirt or sweatshirt)
11. Flip flops and sports sandals (“Slides”) of any kind are prohibited.
12. Mutilation, i.e., purposely cutting holes or tearing clothing is prohibited.
13. Jeans are not permitted on gym days at the elementary school.
14. Corduroy is permitted.
15. Leather clothing is not permitted.
16. No shoulder bags of any shape or size are permitted.
17. Wristlets no more than 5 inches x 8 inches may be carried.
18. Underclothing is not permitted to be seen through outer clothing.
19. Gloves or outerwear coats are not permitted in school unless approved by the principal due to temperature in the classroom.
20. Any clothing items must be reviewed and approved by the administration before they are advertised, sold, or worn as dress code approved apparel.

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