

DRESS CODE

Montebello Christian School desires for our students to please the Lord and to be a good witness to others in appearance and behavior. Our school believes there is a definite relationship between good dress, good work habits and proper school behavior.

Montebello Christian School believes that proper student dress, in association with continued effort for good attitude and behavior, are important elements for a wholesome Christian learning environment.

Montebello Christian School reserves the right to determine acceptable and unacceptable standards of dress.

Failure to comply with the expected standards of Christian dress and conduct will subject the student to potential disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or dismissal from the school

Our Standard of Dress

1. Montebello Christian School is in favor of tasteful, modest dress. Neatness in dress is a prime requirement at our school and brings honor to our school, our families and to the Lord. The guidelines of **SAFETY, MODESTY AND GOOD GROOMING** are used in forming our dress code. School is a place of business and clothing needs to reflect that idea.
2. Our dress code is based on a "***uniforms with choices***" plan. The uniform company that handles our plan is:

CKW School Uniforms

9400 Las Tunas Drive
Temple City, CA 91780
(626) 287-1994
www.ckwuniforms.com

A consultation can be scheduled with CKW in person or virtually, please visit their website for further information.

3. **School programs and activities**: While students are participating in **ANY** school events, they represent Montebello Christian School and **all regular dress standards are to be followed** unless a written notice from the administrator states otherwise.
4. **Field trips** are an extension of the school setting and all regular dress standards are to be followed. Exception would be when the administrator states otherwise.
5. **Casual Fridays** Students may wear a college t-shirt of choice or school shirt with jean bottoms. (See "Free Dress Days" box below for further information).

PARENTS

- It is the parent's primary responsibility to enforce the school's standard of dress.
- Parents are urged to read the standard of dress very carefully and then act responsibly by encouraging and guiding their student to comply with acceptable dress at school.
- Parents of students in violation of the dress code will be **notified by phone** and may be **requested to bring** appropriate attire to school on the day of the dress code violation. This will allow the student to resume classes.
- Proper exercise of parental concern and authority will help prevent dress code violations.

STUDENTS

- Students need to identify and dress in conformity with their biological gender.
- Students who are improperly dressed may be suspended from class by a teacher, staff member or administrator until the violation is corrected.
- Students need to use the restrooms and locker rooms / changing facilities that conforms with their biological gender. (Gen.1-26-27)

General

1. **JACKETS**:
 - Jackets **MAY BE** purchased from the uniform company (burgundy or dark blue).
 - Jackets **NOT** purchased from the uniform company **MUST NOT** have any writing or pictures.
2. **SWEATERS**:
 - Cardigan pullovers and vests **MAY BE** purchased from the uniform company in gray, burgundy or navy.

- A uniform shirt **MUST BE** worn under the sweater/sweater vest at all times with the collar out.

3. **SWEATSHIRTS:**

- Pullover or zipper sweatshirts may be worn in solid gray, burgundy and navy **ONLY**.
- **NO** writing is permitted on the sweatshirts.
- A uniform shirt **MUST BE** worn under the sweatshirts at all times with the collar out.

4. **LOGO:** The MCS logo patch is optional on all uniform items.

GIRLS ~ STANDARD OF DRESS

There are choices of clothing within the uniform program. The uniform pants, walking shorts or skorts may be worn on any usual school day unless requested otherwise. Jumpers are always appropriate.

Girls' uniform **SHOULD BE** modest and reflect Christian standards. All uniforms **SHOULD** fit properly. They **SHOULD NOT** be tight, too short or too revealing. – I Timothy 2:9 states that women should *“adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly ... as is proper for women who claim godliness.”*

Jumpers and Skorts **SHOULD NOT** be worn shorter than 3 inches above the knee!
Measurement is taken when student is kneeling!

PARENTS, PLEASE BE ADVISED: Jumpers or Skorts that are hemmed or altered shorter than 3 inches above the knee **ARE NOT ALLOWED!**

Shorts Underneath

Girls wearing jumpers need to wear shorts under their jumpers. This prevents “underwear” talk when games are played. Kindergarten girls who stay for nap time are also encouraged to wear shorts under their jumpers. **PLEASE NOTE:** Skorts that are hemmed and considered too short will **NOT** be allowed at school. This will result in an extra expense to replace the hemmed skorts.

Grades K-5: **JUMPERS OR SKORTS** – **MAY BE** purchased from the Uniform Company.

1. Choice of colors: Navy or plaid
2. Leggings may be worn under skorts or jumpers when it is cold, but **MAY NOT** be worn alone.

ALL GIRLS: **PANTS** – **MAY BE** purchased from the Uniform Company.

1. Gray or navy twill.
2. Jeggings or other skin-tight pants are **NOT** to be worn.

WALKING SHORTS – **MAY BE** purchased from the Uniform Company.

1. Gray or navy twill.

BLOUSES AND SHIRTS:

1. Polo Shirts and broadcloth blouses are to be in white, pink, gray, burgundy, dark and light blue and **MAY BE** purchased from the Uniform Company.
2. Polo shirts, turtlenecks, and broadcloth blouses **MAY BE** purchased elsewhere as long as they meet the uniform color requirement. They **MUST** have a collar. **NO** writing or pictures. A turndown turtleneck is considered a collar.
3. Blouses, polo shirts and turtlenecks are to be **TUCKED IN**.
4. Black articles of clothing are **NOT** allowed.

Grades 6-8: **SKORTS** – **MAY BE** purchased from the Uniform Company.

1. Choice of same fabrics as K-5 girls.
2. Two fabrics, gray and navy plaid or gray and burgundy plaid, were selected for Middle School use.

PANTS AND WALKING SHORTS - **MAY BE** purchased from CKW.

1. Gray or navy twill.

SHIRTS:

1. Any shirts or blouse approved for K-5 girls.
2. Blouses, polo shirt and turtlenecks are to be **TUCKED IN**.

ALL GIRLS: **SHOES AND SOCKS:**

1. Any style of shoes **MAY BE** worn which is conducive to running or playing safely.
EXCEPTION: **NO** Doc Martens are to be worn. **NO** black boots or boots with studs. Shoes with metal toes may **NOT** be worn. (Metal inside or outside).
2. **NO** sandals are allowed.
3. Socks, stockings or tights **MUST** be worn. Leggings can be gray, white or navy blue. Knee high socks must be below the knee.
4. **NO** shoes with skates or wheels.

JEWELRY:

1. Expensive jewelry **SHOULD NOT** be worn to school.
2. Jewelry worn is the responsibility of the child, **NOT** the teacher or the school.
3. Jewelry should be worn in moderation.
4. The wearing of one earring is limited to the bottom large earlobe. Earrings **MUST** be small due to the safety factor for playground, P.E. and sports. **NO** big hooped earrings or spiked earrings may be worn.
5. Body piercing and accompanying jewelry is **NOT** allowed.
6. Plugs are **NOT** to be worn at any time.

ACCESSORIES:

1. Belts - **NO** cloth style (gang style) belts which hang below the belt line will be worn.
2. **NO** dog type collars, **NO** Gothic or Death Rock attire, **NO** all black attire.
3. **NO** iPods, MP3 players or pepper spray.
4. **NO** facial glitter, **NO** stickers on the face, and **NO** tattoos.
5. Wallet chains hanging from pockets **MAY NOT** be worn.
6. Students **MAY NOT** wear more than **one** bracelet or band of any kind of material on their wrists.

HAIR, NAILS AND LIPSTICK:

1. Hair **MUST BE** groomed, clean and **out of the eyes**. Extreme faddish hair styles will **NOT** be allowed. **NO** shaved strips, uneven thatched cuts, hair weaves and **NO** coloring. Please avoid the extremes of new fads.
2. Hair bows, headbands and clips should be small and no higher than 1 inch to avoid blocking the view of other students in the classroom.
3. Nails should be kept short. Acrylic nails **ARE NOT** to be worn at school. This is a safety issue. Nail polish is to be clear. **NO** unnatural colors are allowed (green, blue, red, pink, etc.) **NO** black nail polish is allowed.
4. Nail polish brought to school will be taken from the student and **NOT** returned.
5. **NO** lipstick, eyeliner, or eyeshadow is to be worn.

BACKPACKS:

1. Backpacks **ARE TO BE** consistent with a Christian school learning environment.
2. Students **ARE TO** refrain from writing graffiti on backpacks, book covers and notebooks.

BOYS ~ STANDARD OF DRESS

There are choices of clothing within the uniform program. Long pants or uniform walking shorts may be worn on any usual school day. Certain events may require long pants. Parents need to insist that boys wear long pants during colder days.

Grades K-8: LONG PANTS:

1. Cotton twill or corduroy pants (navy or gray) **MAY BE** purchased from the Uniform Company.
2. Regular Jeans
3. Pants **MUST BE** sized to fit, straight cut and standard styles. **NO** skater pants or skinny jeans.
4. Pants **MUST** have **NO** holes or frayed hems.
5. **NO** overalls are to be worn.
6. Oversized, baggy pants are **NOT** acceptable. (Baggy is defined as more than 5 inches of excess material when pants are gathered at the knee).
7. **NO** skinny or tight fitting pants are to be worn.
8. Pants are to be worn with a regular leather belt.

WALKING SHORTS - MAY BE purchased from the Uniform Company.

1. Gray or navy twill.
2. **MUST BE** above the knee in length.
3. **NO** "Dickies" brand shorts.
4. Shorts are to be worn with a regular leather belt.

Long pants and walking shorts are **NOT** to be worn in a sagging fashion.
Clothing is **NOT** to be worn in such a way that it exposes undergarments, such as boxer shorts.

Grades K-8: SHIRTS:

1. Polo shirts and turtlenecks are to be **TUCKED IN.**
2. Polo shirts and turtlenecks **MAY BE** purchased from the Uniform Company in white, gray, burgundy, dark and light blue.
3. Polo shirts and turtlenecks **MAY BE** purchased elsewhere as long as they meet the uniform color requirements. They **MUST** have a collar. A turndown turtleneck is considered a collar. **NO** writing or pictures. Trademarks need to be small.
4. Black shirts are **NOT** allowed.

All Boys:

SWEATSHIRTS:

1. Properly fitting sweatshirts are to be navy, gray or burgundy **ONLY**. **NO** black sweatshirts are allowed. **NO** pictures or writing.

SHOES AND SOCKS:

1. Most any style shoes **MAY BE** worn which is conducive to running and playing safely.
EXCEPTION: **NO** Doc Martens are to be worn. Shoes with metal toes may **NOT** be worn (Metal inside or outside).
2. **NO** sandals are allowed.
3. **NO** shoes with skates or wheels.
4. Socks **MUST** be worn at all times.

All Boys:

HATS AND HAIR:

1. Hats or caps are **NOT** to be worn to school.
2. Boys' hair is to be clean, well-groomed and out of the eyes. Avoid extreme and unruly appearance. Boys' hair should be cut so it does **NOT** rest below the collar.
3. Extreme faddish styles will **NOT** be allowed. This includes shaved strips, spikes, long hair on top, uneven thatched cuts, bald cut, and unnatural coloring. **DO NOT** remove all hair on sides while leaving hair long on top. (Leave some hair on sides).
4. Long strips of hair that hang and are **NOT** blended into the hair cut are **NOT** allowed.
5. Boys who come to school with styles that **DO NOT** comply will be suspended from school until the style fits our standard. Barber clipper settings that are too short (shorter than a #2 setting) or other inappropriate hair styles may result in a week's suspension. Further noncompliance from the same student may result in dismissal from school.
6. Spike hair cuts: Boys may wear a "moderate" spike hair cut style. Hair **MUST NOT** be allowed to grow longer than 1½ inch and should **NOT** be spiked into a Mohawk or Frohawk.

ACCESSORIES:

1. **NO** tattoos.
2. Body piercing and accompanying jewelry is **NOT** allowed.
3. **NO** iPods, MP3 players or pepper spray.
4. **NO** dog type collars.
5. **NO** Gothic or Death Rock attire.
6. **NO** all black attire.
7. Boys **MAY NOT** wear earrings or plugs.
8. Students **MAY NOT** wear more than one bracelet or band of any kind of material on their wrists.

BACKPACKS:

1. Backpacks are to be consistent with Christian school learning environment.
2. Students are to refrain from writing graffiti on backpacks, book covers and notebooks.

BELTS:

1. Boys are to wear regular leather belts.
2. Belts and wrist bands with rivets are **NOT** to be worn.
3. **NO** cloth (gang style) belts which hang below the belt line are to be worn.
4. **ONLY** regular belt buckles are allowed. **NO** oversized or buckles with initials.

JEWELRY:

1. Expensive jewelry **SHOULD NOT** be worn to school. Jewelry worn to school is the responsibility of the child, **NOT** the teacher or the school.
2. Boys may **NOT** wear earrings to school. Additional body piercing and jewelry are **NOT** allowed. **NO** plugs.
3. Wallet chains hanging from pockets may **NOT** be worn.

Unacceptable standards of dress **NOT** listed does **NOT** mean it will be allowed or tolerated. Parents are urged to act responsibly by using discretion in discussing standards of dress with their students.

SPORTS ~ STANDARD OF DRESS

After School Sports Program:

1. 5th through 8th grade boys and girls are to purchase school approved P.E. shorts and a game shirt. During sports practice, students are to wear the P.E. shirt or game shirt.
2. The shirt **SHOULD** be labeled with the student's name.
3. Uniforms are to fit properly and modestly in accordance with our Christian school setting: **NO** oversized, too short or long or tight fitting. Shirts **MUST NOT** be torn or have holes.
4. **NO** shirts with pictures, writing, half shirts, or tank tops are acceptable.
5. For games, students will wear their official game shirt.
6. Gray or navy blue sweat pants may be worn on cold days - **NO BLACK** is allowed.
7. Students participating in our after school sports program are to check in with Day Care prior to practice.
8. Students waiting to be picked up by their parents after practice will be directed to check in with Day Care.
9. Parents who are late in picking up their student following practice or a game will be charged a late fee:

Example of late pick up time: 6:01 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. = \$ 15
6:16 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. = \$ 30

10. Parents who are not available to pick up their student immediately following an away game are required to pick up their student at the school.

Free Dress Days ~ Standard of Dress (Special Designated Days)

Parents are urged to encourage their students to use discretion following these guidelines:

- NO** short shorts
- NO** exposed midriffs
- NO** low tops
- NO** overly exposed shoulders
- NO** spaghetti straps (even if covered by another garment)
- NO** plain white T-shirts
- NO** pants with holes
- NO** oversized pants
- NO** pants with frayed pockets or frayed hems
- NO** warm up suits
- NO** tight fitting clothes
- NO** skinny jeans, jeggings (or leggings worn by themselves)
- NO** skirts or dresses
- NO** basketball shorts
- NO** writing, slogans, pictures, or symbols that are inappropriate to a Christian setting.
- YES**, you may wear regular fitting jeans.

Free Dress Rules apply for all after school, evening or weekend school functions or sports events. If you are not in uniform, modesty and good taste should guide choices in dress and appearance both on campus and at school-related functions.