

Dress Code Policy (8th - 12th) Grade

Parents' cooperation is essential in helping the school enforce a dress code that reflects our community values, minimizes distractions, and teaches responsible appearance. The Upper School dress code is a privilege given to our oldest students (8th-12th grade). **Modesty is our standard.** Fashion is unpredictable and constantly changing; therefore, this dress code may not fully address every new trend. In areas where the dress code is silent or unclear, faculty and staff will interpret and enforce the intended "spirit" of the dress code with administrators' oversight. The school reserves the right to clarify or to modify this dress code throughout the school year. Any changes will be shared promptly, and in writing, with our families through email communications. If you are concerned about whether an item may or may not fit into the dress code, please ask **prior** to wearing the item to school.

Required Uniform/Dress Code Clothing K - 12 (Students must have at least one)

Students are to wear school logoed uniforms or approved field trip spirit wear on field trips, off campus activities and some special event. Students may be required to wear school logoed uniforms on other days as well. **Students must have at least one of each color light blue, white, and red logoed uniform shirt throughout the year for special events, field trips, and school activities or in the event they lose the privilege of the upper school dress code.**

Free Dress Fridays (8th-12th)

Families can purchase a Free Dress Friday Pass for their student. With a pass, every Friday, students are permitted to have a free dress day, but still must meet the Dress Code and Modesty Guidelines outlined below.

Dress Code and Modesty Guidelines

Students are required to be neatly and properly dressed at all times while on school campus or while attending school events.

- Clothing must be size-appropriate and may not be oversized or undersized in part or whole.
- No hats, caps, head coverings, bandanas, or **hoods** are to be worn inside any building on campus.
- **Hoods are not permitted to be worn over student's heads** except to protect from rain, wind, or cold weather.
- AirPods, earbuds, and wireless earbuds are not permitted to be worn. Headphones are only permitted with teacher permission for educational purposes.
- Non-prescription eyewear inside buildings are not permitted
- Athletic wear and warm-up suits are not permitted
- Clothing that is frayed, torn, or slit is not permitted
- No thin undershirts may be worn.

- Jewelry and accessories are acceptable as long as they are conservative and in keeping with the spirit of the dress code. Piercings (other than ear) and visible tattoos are unacceptable.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at normal waist height (no low-rise or sagging pants allowed)
- Student hair styles are not to be distracting to others and must be what is considered socially responsible. (No Mohawks, writing or designs in hair, un-natural brightly colored hair, this includes un-natural colored tips and highlights, etc.)
- Tennis shoes, casual shoes, and closed-toe sandals are acceptable. **Flip-flops, rubber sports sandals/slides, Crocs, or bedroom shoes are not permitted.**
- This dress code applies to all students on campus at any time during any school day (including students on campus but not attending a class, temporarily on campus running errands, departing for a trip, etc.)

Dress Code for Male Students

- Male students must wear size-appropriate shirts.
- Students may wear MID (shirts, polos, and sweatshirts) with appropriate language/images.
- For all non-MID apparel, only one small designer's logo no larger than 3 inches in size is allowed. Shirts, polo's, and dress shirts are to be solid, stripe, plaid, or full pattern. No screen print, lettering, or images permitted. (Average Post it notes is 3"x3")
- For all non-MID hoodies, sweaters, and sweatshirts only one small designer's logo no larger than 3 inches in size is allowed. Hoodies, sweaters, and sweatshirts are to be solid, stripe, plaid, or full pattern. No screen print, ombre, tie dye, camouflage, lettering, or images permitted. (Average Post it note is 3"x3")
- Some examples of permitted styles include: raglan, color blocking, stripes, plaid, ringer t-shirts, and henleys.
- Male shirts must have sleeves and completely cover the torso during normal daily activity. No undergarments may be visible at any time. An undershirt may not be worn as a substitute for a shirt.
- Students **enrolled** in Belmont Abbey/CPCC Dual Enrollment Program may wear spiritwear shirt or sweatshirt from the college that they are enrolled in.
- Solid shorts, dress slacks, casual slacks, or blue jeans may be worn to class. Bottoms must be size-appropriate, solid in color, neat, presentable, and have a button or a clasp. (Blue jeans must be solid in color, no screen print, tie dye, lettering, camouflage, or images permitted.)
- Shorts must reach below the middle of the finger with shoulders relaxed and arms and hands fully extended.

Dress Code for Female Students

Female students must wear size-appropriate shirts/blouses with necklines exposing no cleavage.

- This includes shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, and t-shirts.

- Students may wear Mountain Island Day Community Charter School (shirts and sweatshirts) with appropriate language/images.
- For all non-MID, only one small designer's logo no larger than 3 inches in size is allowed. Shirts/blouses are to be solid, stripe, or full pattern. No screen print, ombre, tie dye, camouflage, lettering, or images permitted. (Average Post it notes is 3" x 3")
- Some examples of permitted styles include: raglan, color blocking, stripes, plaid, ringer t-shirts, and henleys.
- Students **enrolled** in Belmont Abbey/CPC Dual Enrollment Program may wear spirit wear shirts or sweatshirts from the college that they are enrolled in.
- Female shirts must completely cover the torso during normal daily activity. No undergarments may be visible at any time. Midriff tops, tank tops, and spaghetti straps are not permitted. Sleeveless tops should have at least three finger-width straps.
- Solid dress slacks, casual slacks, or blue jeans may be worn to class. Pants/jeans must be size-appropriate, solid in color, neat, presentable, and have a button or a clasp. (Blue jeans must be a solid color)
- Leggings can only be worn underneath size-appropriate dresses, skirts, or shorts.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be size appropriate and measure longer than middle of finger length with shoulders relaxed and arms and hands fully extended. Shorts, skirts, and dresses may be solid, plaid, or a full pattern. No screen print, tie dye, camouflage, lettering, or images permitted.

Required PE uniform

Students participating in PE class/weight training will be required to dress out in the MID school PE uniform. Students must wear appropriate athletic footwear during PE. Spirit wear may not be substituted for PE uniform.

Where to Purchase Logoed Uniforms

1-Lands End (MID preferred school number: 900132044)

- Go to landsend.com/school and click on "find your school's dress code" (in the "Helpful Hints for Parents" section on the left side of the page).
- Under the "School Name" tab, scroll to choose your State and City.
- Next, enter "Mountain Island Day School" to view the current dress code.
- Choose to "shop using this preferred school number".
- When shopping, any item that you choose that is within our dress code will give you a box to choose to add our logo. In order to meet our dress code all upper wear must have the MID logo.

**Any item you buy from Lands End, while shopping with our number, will donate money to our school no matter what the item is. So if you are shopping for home or for friends keep us in mind and use our school number.*

2-French Toast (MID source code: QS5ITQV)

- Go to frenchtoast.com and enter our "school source code" in the field in the upper right hand corner of the page. Then click "go" and you will be able to choose from the MID Uniform catalogue.

**Any item you buy from French Toast, while shopping with our number, will donate money to the school no matter what that item is. So if you are shopping for home or for friends keep us in mind and use our school number.*

3-Awards Express-10320 Rozzelles Ferry Road Charlotte NC 28214

- Purchase the clothing you need that fits our policy anywhere you want and drop them off at Awards Express to be embroidered. Then pick them up at Awards Express on the pickup date.

- Any clothing dropped off to Awards Express must meet the uniform guidelines so please make sure clothes you ask them to logo are within guidelines *i.e. approved colors, collars on shirts, approved MID plaid, etc.*

- Jumper logos are to be placed in the front center area of the jumper.

- Shirt embroideries are to be placed on the left chest area of shirts.

Awards Express has two order times each month:

Clothes may be ordered or dropped off by the **first and third Wednesday** of each month to be picked up on the following Wednesday.

4- Spiritwear

MID will offer pre orders of spirit items, PE uniforms, etc. four times each year. Please watch for MID spirit wear special offers to get in August, October, December, and February of each year.

Out of Dress Code Actions

Parents' cooperation is essential in helping the school enforce a dress code that reflects our community values, minimizes distractions, and teaches responsible appearance. **All parents agree to uphold the dress code when enrolling in MID.** The high school relaxed dress code is a privilege given to our oldest students (8th-12th grade) to express trust and growing responsibility. If you are concerned if a particular clothing item may or may not fit into the dress code, please ask prior to wearing the item to school. **Students out of the dress code must sit at the front office until a parent or guardian brings a change of clothes in line with the dress code.**

If a student comes to school out of Dress Code:

- o First two offenses –Student will be given a written warning and parents notified.
- o Third offense—Students will receive a written warning, parents notified, and students must wear a logoed school uniform and Navy, Khaki, Grey slacks, shorts, or skirt for 5 days following the third offense.
- o Fourth offense— Students will receive a written warning, parents notified, and students must wear a logoed school uniform and Navy, Khaki, Grey slacks, shorts, or skirt for 10 weeks following the fourth offense.
- o Fifth offense— Students will receive a written warning, parents notified, and students must wear a logoed school uniform and Navy, Khaki, Grey slacks, shorts, or skirt for the remainder of the school year.