

HSA @MMS Dress Code 2019-2020

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The Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle School holds high expectations for all scholars to represent the school in a way that exemplifies good character by being prepared, being respectful, being responsible, and by being safe. HSA has a uniform policy for all scholars to ensure everyone has the opportunity to go to school in an environment conducive to learning without disruption because of student dress or appearance. Administration reserves the right to deem any article of clothing or accessory inappropriate if it distracts from, or causes an interruption to the learning environment. Words, logos, slogans, pictures, or acronyms on garments that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang affiliation, nudity, sexual activity or profanity, are **not** allowed. The safety and education of our scholars is the highest priority and scholars' clothing should not serve as a hindrance to that purpose. The HSA team expects HSA scholars to represent themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner at all times.

Students and parents need to be familiar with the uniform policy as students are to adhere to this policy while on school grounds or while participating in certain off campus school functions. Field trips will be addressed on an individual basis depending on the nature of the trip.

Tops: Polo Shirts or Spirit Wear:

- 6th graders wear **black or hunter green** polo shirts
- 7th graders wear **navy blue** polo shirts
- 8th graders wear **red** polo shirts
- HSA@MMS "Spirit Wear" are t-shirts, polo shirts, or **non-hooded** sweatshirts that have the "HSA@MMS," "Monroe Middle or High School Logo" OR "Heart for Monroe" logo.
- Tops must fit appropriately and should not show the midriff, even while sitting, or cleavage.
- Long sleeve undershirts worn with short sleeved shirts must match the color of the grade level color polo shirt.
- HSA@MMS Sport Jerseys may only be worn as a team on designated days as assigned by administration & any long sleeved shirt must match the color of the sport jersey .
- No label is preferred, however, if a label is present it needs to be approximately the size of a quarter or smaller.

Bottoms: Pants, Shorts, and Skirts:

- Bottoms must be Khaki in color.
- Bottoms are to be cotton, cotton blend, or corduroy.
- Khaki color jeans, blue denim, velvet, velour, sweat, nylon, flannel, and knit bottoms are not allowed.
- Bottoms may have no words or graphics on them.
- Bottoms must fit appropriately at the waist so undergarments/shorts/leggings/tights do not show and must not be tight or of the skinny, leggings, or jegging style. "Yoga" style pants are not allowed.
- No holes, tears, rips, or fraying.
- Bottoms must not sag, be oversized, be baggy in the seat or work below the waste.
- Bottoms can be shorts, skirts, skorts, or capris but must be fingertip length or longer.

Outerwear: Sweaters and Sweatshirts:

- **Must be the color of the assigned grade level polo shirt.**
- Sweaters and sweatshirts **may be crew neck OR V-neck.**
- **NO HOODIES on ANY sweaters or sweatshirts or short/long sleeved top.**
- No words or graphics.
- Must be worn **OVER** the grade level polo shirt.
- Hats, gloves, and coats are not permissible in the building. They MUST be placed in a book bag as students enter the building and remain there until they exit the building. They may be worn only outside at recess NOT in the cafeteria and must be immediately taken off when entering the building
- No label is preferred, however, if a label is present it needs to be approximately the size of a quarter or smaller.

Belts and Accessories:

- If worn, belts may be of any color/design/graphics as long as there are no inappropriate graphics, play on words, innuendos, illegal drugs, alcohol, gang affiliation or other items deemed inappropriate.
- Belts must fit appropriately and stay on and buckled at all times.
- Collars, bracelets or necklaces with spikes or oversized chains are not permitted.

Shoes and Socks:

- Shoes must be close toed and must be tied, buckled, strapped, or velcroed at all times.

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- Socks may be any color/design/graphics as long as there are no inappropriate graphics, play on words, innuendos, illegal drugs, alcohol, gang affiliation, or other items deemed inappropriate.
- Socks may not be worn all the way up and have pant leg rolled or cuffed to expose them.

Students MAY NOT wear or carry:

- Bandanas, hats, headscarves (unless for religious purposes), do rags, stocking caps, slippers, slides, cleats, headphones, earbuds, bluetooth earpieces or cellular phones.

Jean Days: (Only assigned by administration)

- Jeans must NOT have holes, rips, tears, frays, or patches of any kind.
- No skinny jeans that are too tight.

Dress Down Days: (Only assigned by administration)

- No tank tops with spaghetti straps or halter tops.
- All tops must cover the waistline at all times, including while sitting.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be knee length or longer.
- No holes, tears, rips, patches, or frays in any garments.
- No garments with inappropriate graphics, play on words, innuendos, drugs, alcohol, or gang affiliation.

The following items are additional items that are not allowed:

- No bedroom shoes, slippers, steel-toed shoes, light-up shoes or shoes that make any noise including, but not limited to music, cleats, or heelys. (If you walk to school in "non-school" shoes you must change shoes before entering the school building.)
- No bandanas, on or in your possession, hats, headscarves, sunglasses or gloves. (non-prescription eyewear is not permitted.) The exception to this rule is students who practice a religion that requires the wearing of yarmulkes and headscarves. These students will be allowed to wear those items.
- No clothing that causes a disruption to the learning environment.
- Earbuds are **not** apart of the school dress code. Earbuds should not be seen on students in any location during the school day.

Any other items must not undermine the integrity of the dress code or serve as a disruption to the educational process.

If necessary, the administrative staff will meet to approve any attire not covered by the dress code. The principal reserves the right to repeal or amend any changes to the policy as necessary and will communicate all changes to the students, parents/guardians, and staff in writing prior to implementing any changes. The principal also reserves the right to waive any of these rules for special days, events, or occasions as predetermined and adequately communicated to students, parents/guardians, and staff.

Students that are found in violation of the HSA @MMS Uniform Code of Dress Policy will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the grade level administrator and building principal.

Disciplinary action may range from in school suspension to after school detention or other another consequence deemed appropriate by the administration. Suspension will be considered for students who continually and willfully violate the Uniform Code of Dress Policy. Students who come to school inappropriately dressed or not in compliance with the dress code may be held out of class until the violation is reasonably corrected. Absences from class as a results of dress code violations will be ruled unlawful.