

Monticello Christian Academy

School Uniform Policy

The Monticello Christian Academy School Board (The Board) voted to require uniforms for all students starting in August of the 2016-2017 school year. The Board required uniforms based upon a parent survey taken in early 2015, where some parents expressed a preference to move to uniforms. The Board believes that uniforms will increase student performance and improve the school atmosphere as detailed in these key points:

- Equality: children will not suffer from peer pressure to keep up with the latest fashions and trends
- Uniformity: children will not focus as much on their appearance or other student's appearance, and will focus more on their education
- Discipline: children wearing uniforms will behave more appropriately in the school environment, as the uniforms convey a stricter atmosphere which encourages students to follow the rules
- Sense of Pride: children wearing uniforms will feel a greater sense of community with their fellow students
- Identity: children wearing uniforms will behave better in situations, knowing that they wear clothing easily identifiable with their school. It will prove easier to keep children together on field trips with a readily identifiable uniform
- Modesty: children wearing uniforms will meet a standard of modesty, respecting their body and honoring God
- Easy Dressing: children will find dressing in the morning much easier and faster with the ease of picking out from a select set of uniform tops and bottoms that will always go together

Students must abide by the uniform policy at all times, except on "Free Fridays". On "Free Fridays", the students must still dress modestly, but they may wear clothes of their own choice other than uniforms. A student's dress should always reflect pride in their school and respect for themselves. Enforcement of the uniform policy, like all other discipline matters, works only with cooperation among students, parents and the school. The school, however, remains the final authority on uniform policy and other discipline issues. If the school determines that a student's clothing fails to meet policy, the school may call the parent to bring an acceptable uniform to the school.

The Board understands that all children have growth spurts. If you purchased uniforms and your child has a growth spurt, you may find your child's shorts, skirt, skort, or dress no longer meets the length standard set forth in the uniform policy, though the items fit your child well otherwise. In those cases, your child may be able to continue to wear items that fail to meet the uniform policy. Please contact the office to evaluate the items. If staff approves the items, your child may continue to wear the items as long as they wear leggings underneath the garment.

Bottoms: Solid navy, black, khaki/tan; or approved school plaid (some examples below)

- Walking shorts, slacks, skorts, skirts, dresses, or skirted jumpers in approved solid colors or the approved school plaid, in twill or corduroy; skorts, skirts, dresses or jumpers also in approved solid color knits
- The approved school plaid is the forest green plaid option, which has a dark background primarily composed of forest green coupled with navy blue, then accented with small stripes of either red, white, and/or yellow (examples: IZOD forest green plaid, or Lands' End forest green/classic navy plaid)
- Pants, shorts, skirts, and shorts should be worn at the proper level on the child's waist. If necessary, the child should wear a belt.
- Shorts for boys and girls must be no more than 2 inches above the knee
- Skorts, skirts, dresses, or jumpers for girls must be no more than 2 inches above the knee (approximately the width of 3 fingers). Girls must wear shorts under skirts, jumpers, or dresses.



Pullover clothing worn all day (e.g. sweater, sweatshirt): white, navy, black, red, or grey

- Must either have their own collar OR be worn with a collared uniform top underneath
- Official school sweatshirts or official school t-shirts are okay (available through office)



Tops: White, navy, red, black, or grey (some examples below)

- Tops must have a collar
- Tops must have long or short sleeves; no sleeveless tops allowed

- Knit polo-type, Oxford or woven dress shirts, blouses, turtlenecks
- Official school sweatshirts or official school t-shirts are okay (available through our school office)
- All tops must cover the stomach
- If necessary for modesty, the child should wear an appropriate undergarment



Hosiery, socks, leggings, tights: Solid navy blue, forest green, black or white

- Tights and leggings must be mid-calf or longer in length
- Socks should be worn at all times
- Socks may not contain vulgar or inappropriate language or images
- All students must wear socks that cover their ankles (anklet height or higher)



Footwear

Students are not allowed to wear flip flops, bedroom shoes, Chinese slippers, or any footwear that does not cover the foot. We recommend bringing additional shoes if needed for Physical Education and running.

Jackets, sweaters, coats, etc.

Any kind of jacket/coat/cardigan is okay if it meets the school standard of not being disruptive, distracting, displaying offensive language or symbols, etc. School staff may ask students to remove outerwear that does not meet this standard.

Dressing for Inclement Weather

Our desire is to take students outdoors on a daily basis during their recess time. However, Nick's Park is not always accommodating, such as after a rainy day or when snow is on the ground. Students are kept inside when the temperature is below 25° - either actual temperature or wind chill. Please dress students appropriately during cold weather, knowing that the administrator will make the final determination about recess locations based on weather and playground conditions. For colder weather, please send your child with a warm coat, hat (coat hood is acceptable in lieu of hat), and gloves or mittens.

**We collect dozens of lost jackets, coats, hats, gloves, and mittens every year.
Please consider labeling your child's outerwear items with their name.**