



# MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## DRESS CODE

All the Catholic schools in the Topeka Region have adopted a standardized dress code. Mater Dei Catholic School abides by the regulations. The purpose of a uniform dress code is to foster self-respect, modesty, and appropriate behavior, which promote a positive Christian image. The uniform dress code also reinforces the concept that person is defined by who they are, not what they wear. A student's appearance should not detract from nor disrupt the educational process.

Purchase of new uniforms can be from any of the area department stores as long as they conform to the dress code. Macbeth plaid, V-neck and Cardigan sweaters, and capris must be purchased at Class Act.

### Uniform Dress Code Attire

#### Boys

- **Short or long sleeved shirts** with collars in red, white and navy blue may be worn in the following styles: Oxford, polo, turtleneck, and knit camp.
  - Limited blousing allowed, such blousing must not be used to hide or circumvent the wearing of belts or the tucking in of shirts.
  - Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
  - Only plain white T-shirts are allowed under uniform shirts.
  - Long sleeved undershirts may not be worn with a short-sleeved shirt.
- **V-neck or Cardigan sweaters** styles may be worn in hunter green, navy blue or red.
  - Sweaters must be purchased at Class Act.
- **Slacks and shorts** in cotton twill blend may be worn in either brown khaki, or navy blue.
  - Shorts must be either "walking" or Bermuda styles.
  - No cargo pants or khaki jeans may be worn.
  - Slacks or shorts need to be worn properly at the waistline.
  - Belts must be worn with slacks or shorts that have belt loops (Grades 3 through 8).

#### General Rules for Boys

- Shirts do not have to have the Mater Dei Logo. Class Act is the only vendor who produces shirts with approved Mater Dei logos.
- No earrings may be worn and visible body piercings or tattoos are not allowed.
- Boy's hair should be neatly groomed. It may not exceed the eyebrows on the face, the top of the collar in the back or the top of the ears on the side.
- Hair is to be its natural color, not dyed.
- Facial hair must be shaved. Beards and mustaches are not allowed.
- Socks of any length must be solid, matching and in one of the following colors: navy blue, white, red or black. Mismatched socks are not allowed.

## Girls

- **Short or long sleeved shirts** with collars in red, white and navy blue may be worn in the following styles: Oxford, polo, turtleneck, and knit camp.
  - Limited blousing allowed, such blousing must not be used to hide or circumvent the wearing of belts or the tucking in of shirts.
  - Shirts must be tucked in at all times
  - Only plain white T-shirts are allowed under uniform shirts.
  - Long sleeved undershirts may not be worn with a short-sleeved shirt.
  - Uniform blouses (plain) with a Peter Pan collar may be purchased at Class Act. No lace, ruffles, bows, baubles, and bangles, etc.
- **V-neck or Cardigan sweaters** styles may be worn in hunter green, navy blue or red.
  - These sweaters must be purchased at Class Act.
- **Slacks, shorts, skorts**, in cotton twill blend may be worn in either brown khaki or navy blue.
  - Shorts must be either "walking" or Bermuda styles, **no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.**
  - No cargo pants or khaki jeans may be worn.
  - Slacks or shorts need to be worn properly at the waistline.
  - Belts must be worn with slacks or shorts that have belt loops (Grades 3 through 8). No scarves, sashes or similar styles may be worn in place of belt.
- Macbeth **plaid** jumper, skirts, shorts and skorts may be worn, **no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.**
  - Macbeth plaids may be purchased at Class Act.
- Capris may be worn of cotton twill blend in brown khaki or navy blue. Cargo capris are not allowed.

### General Rules for Girls

- Shirts do not have to have the Mater Dei Logo. Class Act is the only vendor who produces shirts with approved Mater Dei logos.
- Socks of any length, leggings and tights must be solid, and in one of the following colors: navy blue, white, red or black. Mismatched socks are not allowed.
- Girls in grades 6-8 may wear light makeup. Dark or heavily applied makeup is not allowed.
- Girls are permitted to wear earrings of moderate length and design. Girls may only wear one earring in each ear.
- No other visible body piercings or tattoos are allowed.
- Hair is to be its natural color, not dyed.
- Hair should be well groomed with no bizarre hairstyles and bangs should not obscure vision.
- **Gym class:** If a girl wears a jumper or skirt on a day when there is physical education, she must wear shorts (any kind) under the jumper/skirt during class time. Skorts are acceptable.

Boys and Girls uniform dress attire should appear neat and well groomed at all times. **Administration reserves the right to determine violations of the uniform dress code.**

### Uniform Dress Code General Rules

**FADS:** No oversized, extra long or baggy pants, shirts or shorts are allowed. No low riders, hip huggers, khaki jeans, cargo pants etc.

**SHOES/SOCKS:** Socks must be worn with all types of shoes. Shoes must be worn at all times.

- Dress shoes, tennis shoes, crocs and sandals may be worn.
- "Heelies" or any type of roller shoe or skate may not be worn.

- Crocs and sandals must have and be worn with back straps.
- **Shoes must be laced or buckled.**
- **During Gym Class:** Tennis Shoes must be worn and tied. No black-soled tennis shoes are allowed, unless they are 'non-marring'. (The shoebox should tell you if the soles are 'non-marring').

**Shorts and skorts** may be worn at any time of year but students must participate in all school activities. **Jackets or coats** must be worn when temperatures are 40° and below. Outerwear must be removed when entering a classroom. No unauthorized sweatshirt shall be worn in the classroom.

**PTO Spiritwear** (Tee shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and long-sleeved tees) may be ordered online throughout the year. These **tees**, both short and long-sleeved, are not part of the dress code and may only be worn to school on Spirit Days. These **hoodie or crew neck sweatshirts** may be worn in class with an appropriate uniformed shirt underneath. The collar must be visible and the student must wear a belt. Spirit Days are a part of the school calendar and happen once a month, usually on the third Thursday. Only Mater Dei Catholic School or Parish Spiritwear or Mater Dei athletic wear (including Topeka Saints athletic wear) may be worn on Spirit Days. Students must wear appropriate pants or shorts with their Spirit Wear. Failure to comply with Spirit Day rules may result in the student losing participation privileges.

**VIOLATIONS:** Students violating Mater Dei's Uniform Code in any grade will receive a warning. Parents will be notified if the student is consistently violating the policy and the student is subject to further discipline.

† **BE HOLY** † **BE EXCELLENT** † **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**