

Dress Code

All the Catholic Schools in the Topeka Region have adopted a standardized dress code and Mater Dei Catholic School abides by the regional 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 that a 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 area department store as long as they conform to the dress code. Dresses, skirts, and skorts made with Macbeth plaid must be purchased at Class Act.

Students	Item	Guidelines
Boys and Girls	Shirts – Long or Short Sleeved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red, white, or navy blue shirts in the following styles: Oxford, polo, knit camp, or dry-fit material • Shirts do not have to have the Mater Dei logo. Collared shirts with the Mater Dei logo may be purchased at Class Act. • Shirts must be tucked in at all times • Only short sleeved plain white t-shirts are allowed under uniform shirts and cannot be visible on the arms.
Boys and Girls	Sweaters – V-Neck or Cardigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue, white, and red sweaters may be worn
Boys	Slacks and Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue or brown khaki shorts or pants in a cotton twill blend • No cargo pants or khaki jeans may be worn. Shorts and pants can have an internal side pocket with a slit in the side of the pant, but the pockets cannot be on the outside of the pant. • Slacks and shorts must be worn properly at the waistline • Belts must be worn with slacks or shorts that have belt loops (grades 3-8)
Girls	Slacks, shorts, skorts, jumpers, and Capri pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue or brown khaki shorts, pants, Capri pants, skorts, or jumpers on cotton twill or poly-blend • Shorts, skorts, and jumpers in the Macbeth Plaid. Macbeth Plaid items must be purchased from Class Act. • No cargo pants or khaki jeans may be worn. Shorts and pants can have an internal side pocket with a slit in the side of the pant, but the pockets cannot be on the outside of the pant. • Slacks, shorts, skorts, and Capri pants must be worn properly at the waistline • Belts must be worn with slacks or shorts that have belt loops (grades 3-8) • Shorts and skorts must be modest in length
Boys and Girls	Socks and shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socks of any length must be solid in one of the following colors: navy, white, red, black, brown, or gray. Girls leggings must also be solid and in the same colors listed above • Both socks must match • All shoes must be worn with socks and must be properly laced • Tennis shoes are required for daily P.E.

Boys	Personal Grooming and Piercings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair should be neatly groomed and cannot exceed the eyebrows on the face, the top of the collar on the back. Or the top of the ears on the side • Hair must be its natural color and not dyed • Facial hair must be shaved • Boys may not wear earrings or any other visible piercings; tattoos are not allowed
Girls	Personal Grooming and Piercings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair should be well-groomed and bangs may not obscure vision. Bangs that exceed the eyebrows should be secured • Hair must be its natural color and not dyed • Girls are permitted to wear earrings of moderate length. No other visible piercings are allowed; tattoos are not allowed • Girls in grades 6-8 may wear light makeup
Boys and Girls	Jackets or coats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required when the temperature is below 40 degrees • Only spirtwear outerwear may be worn in the classroom or at Mass.
Boys and Girls	Spirit Wear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear is available through Lands End. • Spirit shirts may be worn on Spirit Days • Crew neck and hooded sweatshirts purchased through Lands End may be worn in the classroom when the temperature is less than 75 degrees. A collared uniform shirt must be worn underneath and visible. • Personally created spirit wear can only be worn in school on Spirit Days.
Boys and Girls	Spirit Day and Dress Down Day Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a Spirit Day, students may wear the following spirit wear with appropriate pants or shorts (see below): Mater Dei Spirit Wear (purchased through the PTO or homemade), Hayden Spirit Wear, Mater Dei/Saints sports jerseys (for the current sport season), Band Day, and IrishFest Spirit Wear. • Students may wear appropriate dress down pants or shorts. Appropriate is defined as: jeans with no holes in them, capris, shorts that extend past the end of the fingertips AND below any shirt that is being worn; leggings ONLY IF they are worn with a shirt that comes past the end of the fingertips; pajama pants are not appropriate spirit day attire (we will host a pajama day during Catholic Schools Week) • Students not meeting Spirit Day Guidelines will not be admitted to class.

Violations: students violating Mater Dei's Uniform Dress 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.

The Administration reserves the right to determine violations of the uniform dress code.