



MONROE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

2012-2013 Dress Code

Uniforms promote a common bonding among the students and provide a means of identification. This unity will create an environment where the students' focus is on Christian values and education. Neatness, cleanliness, and a well-groomed appearance are expected. Students in kindergarten through grade 8 are required to wear the school uniform. Since buying clothing is a family function, parents are expected to purchase clothing that will meet the standards set forth in the dress code policy. This policy is written so that it is easy for students and parents to adhere to and easy for teachers and administration to enforce.

There will be a one-year transition period for the current uniform policies in each school for the following items only: shirts, slacks, skirts, and physical education attire.

Shirts for boys and girls

Plain white or navy blue traditional polo shirts, collared, long or short sleeved. No emblems. Collared white or navy blue traditional fold-down turtlenecks are also permitted. No emblems. Shirts must be tucked in slacks, shorts, or skirts. T-shirts worn under the school uniform shirt must be solid white with no visible designs or logos.

Slacks for boys and girls

Khaki, pleated or flat front cotton twill slacks are required. Slacks must be worn with belts at the waist – not below the waist or dragging on the ground – not baggy or oversized. Corduroys, cargos, carpenter, painter, or polyester knits (stretch) are not allowed.

Shorts for boys and girls

Khaki walking shorts, pleated or flat front cotton twill, at the knee or no more than two inches above the knee.

Skirts

Girls in grades 2 - 8 are required to wear plaid (Hunter Classic Navy) Lands End skirts. Girls in kindergarten and first grade are required to wear the plaid (Hunter Classic Navy) jumper. *Skirts and jumpers will be no more than 2" above the knee.*

Sweaters for boys and girls (optional)

Navy blue solid, crew neck or cardigan, long-sleeve pullover sweater may be worn. All sweaters must be worn over a white/navy blue-collared shirt or white/navy blue turtleneck.

Fleece for boys and girls (optional)

Navy blue with Monroe Catholic Elementary School logo. All fleece must be worn over a uniform white/navy blue-collared shirt or white/navy blue turtleneck. The fleece is ordered through MCES. Checks payable to: MCES

Belts for boys and girls

Plain belts, solid black or brown in color are required to be worn with slacks & shorts that have belt loops. If pants or shorts do not have belt loops, then a belt is not required. Oversized belt buckles are not permitted.

Shoes for boys and girls

Comfortable, appropriate, non-athletic looking casual or dress shoes with non-marking soles are to be worn. Colors include shades of brown, black, or navy blue. Tennis or athletic shoe styles in dark colors are not allowed. Shoes must be leather or suede and fully enclosed. Sandals, moccasins, boots with heavy heels, fashion boots, plastic shoes, flip-flops, clogs, crocs or variations of such are not allowed. Heels are not to exceed 1 ½" in height. All shoes must cover the foot completely, including toes and heel.

Socks

Girls: rolover ankle socks, knee socks, or tights in navy blue, white or khaki may be worn.
Boys: rolover ankle socks, mid-calf dress socks in navy blue, white, or khaki may be worn.

Cosmetics, Cologne, and Jewelry

Nail polish may not be worn on girls in grades K – 4. Subtle colored nail polish may be worn by girls in grades 5 – 8. Polish should be free of cracks & chips. Body piercing, visible tattoos, make-up and artificial nails are prohibited. Cologne and perfumes are not acceptable. Girls may wear small earrings with no more than one earring per ear. Boys may not wear earrings even if covered. Jewelry shall not be excessive (e.g. heavy, multiple or large necklaces & bracelets). A small crucifix or religious medallion is allowed for a necklace. A reasonable size wrist watch is acceptable.

Hair Coloring for boys and girls

Natural hair color may not be altered or highlighted. Boys' hair should be off the collar, above the eyebrows (out of eyes), and above the ear lobe.

Head Gear for boys and girls

Girls' headbands and hair ribbons may be simple and plain colored. Bandanas are not allowed. Hats or caps may not be worn in the school building. This includes out-of-uniform days. The teacher or principal will have the final say over what causes a visual distraction in the classroom with regards to hairstyles and hair adornments.

Physical Education Dress for boys and girls

Students in kindergarten – grade 4 are required to wear gym attire on physical education days with clean tennis shoes. Students in grades 5 – 8 will wear the regular uniform and bring physical education attire to school to change into on gym day. *Specific guidelines and ordering information for PE uniform can be found on the school website, or by visiting Rick's Sporting Goods - Rick Benson at 242-0774.* *The PE uniform policy will be strictly enforced. Parents will be promptly notified of concerns.*

NOTE: CYO sports is Parish-based, therefore, CYO clothing may NOT be worn with any school uniform. Principals will have final say for special events throughout the academic school year.