DRESS CODE POLICY

Mesa Grande Academy is committed to adopting a dress code that demonstrates modesty and reflects a commitment to excellence. Uniforms have been adopted as the only appropriate dress for school. **These must be purchased through Lands' End.** Students are encouraged to look their best at all times and avoid conflict with the school over issues of dress. Parents are urged to support the school policy by being actively involved in their student's clothing and appearance decisions.

School uniforms are to be worn before and during scheduled school hours through a student's last class of the day. "Non-academic attire" that is in harmony with the ideals of MGA may be appropriate for some school activities, such as Dress Down days in grades K-8. At such times, students (and parents) will be notified.

Students attending Mesa Grande Academy are expected to adhere to standards of appearance as outlined below. **Lands' End is the only company of approved school uniforms for Mesa Grande Academy.**

CLOTHING THAT MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH LANDS' END SCHOOL UNIFORM STORE:

- Skirts / Skorts / Jumpers
- Chino pants / Shorts
- Shirts / Blouses / Dresses (embroidered with school seal)

UNIFORMS FOR GRADES K-6

Please note: Students in grades K-6 must purchase at least one red polo shirt for field trips.

Boys:

- Polo shirt—red, grey, navy blue, charcoal
- White oxford shirt
- Chino pants/shorts—khaki, navy blue (black for grades 5/6th only)

Girls:

- Polo shirt—red, grey, navy blue, charcoal
- White oxford shirt
- Chino pants/shorts—khaki, navy blue (black for grades 5/6th only)
- Skirts/skorts—khaki, navy blue, school plaid (black for grades 5/6th only)
- Dresses/jumpers—red, navy blue, khaki, school plaid

(Leggings, tights, or bike shorts must be worn beneath skirts, dresses and jumpers. They **must be** solid MGA colors—red, white, black, navy blue, gray, khaki).

UNIFORMS FOR GRADES 7-12

Boys:

- Polo shirt—red, grey, navy blue, white, black, charcoal
- White oxford shirt
- Chino pants/shorts—khaki, navy blue, black

Girls:

- Polo shirt—red, grey, navy blue, white, black, charcoal
- White oxford shirt

- Chino pants/shorts—khaki, navy blue, black
- Skirts—khaki, navy blue, black, school plaid
- Dress—red, navy blue, khaki

For additional, detailed options with MGA's uniform, please refer to our website or www.landsend.com using our school code 900185406.
https://www.landsend.com/co/account/school-uniforms?selectedSchoolNum=900185406

Outerwear (Jackets, Sweaters, Hoodies)

All outerwear, including jackets, sweaters, and hoodies, must meet the following requirements:

- Must be in a single or two-tone, solid color (no pattern) and in school uniform colors (navy blue, red, grey, khaki, white and black) and guidelines.
- May not have logos except for MGA logos (inconspicuous manufacturer's logos excepted).
- A school uniform must be worn beneath all outer garments.
- Outerwear from recognized school organizations and Mesa Grande Academy letterman jackets are allowed.

General Dress Guidelines

- Clothing should be neat, clean, fit appropriately and be in good repair. Frayed, torn, ripped, or otherwise defaced uniform clothing is not acceptable. All uniforms must be of appropriate size and must be worn as intended by the uniform provider.
- Gender appropriate clothing must be worn.
- Pants, skirts, and shorts must be worn at an appropriate hip level as designed by the manufacturer. No rolling of hem or waist. All shorts/skirts MUST fall mid-thigh or lower. Extremely short shorts or skirts with an inseam of fewer than five inches or that expose the buttocks cheeks are unacceptable. Underwear should not be visible under school clothing.
- Pants must be straight legged with no cargo pockets, in the "chino" style.
- Shirts must be buttoned appropriately so that modesty is maintained at all times.
- Shoes or close-toed sandals must be worn at all times and must be appropriate and safe for the situation. Flip-flops, CROCS, Birkenstocks, or anything similar, are not allowed as part of the dress code.
- Clothing accessories (such as belts, etc…) must be simple, basic, and blend with the uniform. Accessories should not contain studs, spikes, colors or designs, outside of our uniform colors. Socks/hosiery/leggings/tights must be worn in solid MGA school colors (red, white, black, navy, gray, khaki, or natural skin-tone hosiery).
- Hats, hoods, bandanas, or other head coverings may not be worn in class during scheduled school hours. MGA sports team hats worn during varsity and PE class time are the only exception. Hats worn outside during breaks must be MGA hats. Other hair accessories should blend with the school uniform. Administration may make exceptions as needed.
- Jewelry of any kind, which includes cause/support bracelets, chastity rings, and other similar jewelry may not be worn at school or at any school function.
- Extreme hair styles (mohawk or spiked) or colors, colored tips, colored streaks/highlights (in colors that are not natural hair colors – e.g. green, pink, blue, purple, etc...), and cosmetics, including conspicuous nail polish, and tattoos of any kind, are outside the accepted guidelines.
- Any visible layers must be in school colors.

- School-approved shirts/blouses/jumpers/dresses are required to be worn beneath sweatshirts or other outer clothing.
- Attire obtained on school-sponsored field trips/activities may be worn by the organization members if the entire organization/class wears them on a given day chosen by the teacher/school OR the day is selected and approved in advance.

Additional Expectations

All accessories and clothes worn for school events outside of school hours should reflect Christian values and be appropriate and modest. Logos, graphics, or words that depict violence, drugs, illicit substances, alcoholic beverages, and sexually suggestive topics are not allowed. Anything that is in any way offensive should not be associated with MGA students.

Dress Down Days

We will occasionally schedule specific days when students are allowed to "dress down". On these days, the following expectations apply:

- No jewelry (exceptions for costume-related jewelry will be clearly communicated prior to the activity if it is allowed).
- No tank tops/spaghetti strap tops allowed (exceptions will be clearly communicated prior to the activity if they are allowed). Wear t-shirts or similar tops.
- Crop-tops and other similar clothing that exposes the mid-drift are not allowed.

Swim Attire

On occasions when a school event necessitates the use of swim wear, modesty should be practiced. Girls, please wear modest one piece swimsuits. All other swimsuits require a covering such as a t-shirt. Boys, please wear "board short" style swimsuits. Speedo style swimsuits may not be worn.

Banquet Attire

This attire should be in accordance with the school's general dress code policy expectation. Gentlemen are to wear dress pants and a collared shirt, a suit jacket is optional. For ladies, semi-formal attire or formal dresses are appropriate. All attire should be modest, including neckline and any slits in the skirt.

Consequences For Dress Code Violations

Grades K-6th

Students are expected to be in school uniform during school hours. Elementary students' dress issues will be handled individually by the teachers or administration, with direct communication with parents.

Grades 7-12

Students are expected to be in school uniform during school hours. Failure to comply with the *MGA Dress Code Policy* will result in the student having a written Dress Code infraction and receiving the respective consequences according to the *Mesa Grande Academy Discipline Policy*. Please refer to the *MGA Discipline Policy* for further information.

MGA Administration reserves the right to make adjustments to this Dress Code Policy as needed.