Uniform Dress Code for MHMS

Grades K-5

Attending Merrol Hyde is a choice and a privilege. At the time of application and enrollment, students and parents acknowledge that attendance is conditional upon adhering to the following dress codes. The uniform is not intended to limit or prohibit self-expression; rather, it is designed to establish a culture where diversity and autonomy can emerge from within each student.

Approved Vendors

Uniforms must be purchased from one of the following approved vendors. Please note: not all products from these vendors are approved. Use the following codes to reference only the approved products.

French Toast: www.frenchtoast.com (source code: Q5SQAMW)
Lands’ End: www.Landsend.com/school (source code: 900089913)
Land’s End is opening a new store location in June, 2018.
2021 Gallatin Pike North, Suite 228, Madison, TN
(previous Parker Uniform location)

Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms: www.globalschoolwear.com/school-search

Required for all Elementary Students

Each K-5th grade student needs a white shirt embroidered with the Merrol Hyde Magnet School crest. These can be ordered from Lands’ End, French Toast, or Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms. You may also take purchased shirts to Concept One in Gallatin (615-452-2900). This needs to be a CRESTED SHIRT, not just one with the school name monogrammed on it.

Belts

All students except kindergarten students are required to wear a belt daily with pants that have belt loops. Only black, blue, and brown belts may be worn. No metal, sparkles, or jewels should be on belts except for a plain, metal buckle.

Shoes

* ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MUST WEAR GYM (TENNIS) SHOES EVERY DAY - NO EXCEPTIONS *

- No Mary Janes, Sperry’s, Ugg boots, etc.
- No worn out shoes with rips/tears or holes.
- No flashing lights, characters, or wheels on shoes.
- Non-marking soles only.

Socks and Tights

- Socks (ankle, crew or knee-high) or tights are required. Both socks must match each other and be solid colors. Colors allowed: white, navy, brown, grey, or black. Hawk logo socks (sold in the Hawk Shop) are the only socks with a design that are allowed. Solid socks that have a small logo are still acceptable.
Uniform Guidelines – All K-5th Grade Students

(Socks/Tights cont.)
- No nylons are allowed; only solid color tights or leggings. Colors allowed: white, navy, brown, grey or black.
- No lace tights or leggings.

Sweaters
- Colors: Solid colors only - White, yellow, or navy from an approved vendor on page 1.
- Styles: Crew neck, V-neck, Cardigan, Vests
- No cable knit, fleece, or sweatshirts.
- No tunic length sweaters.
- All sweaters must be worn over collared shirts.
- Sweaters may not be tied around the waist.

Outerwear
- There are no uniform code standards for coats worn to school. Students will be required to put coats away and **will not be allowed to wear them during the day – with the exception of recess.** This includes sweatshirts or hoodies.
- We recommend that each K-5th grade student have one navy long sleeved sweater for use in the classroom during the winter months. Crested sweaters are optional and may be ordered from Lands’ End, French Toast, or Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms. You may also take vendor approved purchased sweaters to Concept One in Gallatin to be embroidered. This is the only approved outerwear that is allowed to be worn in the classroom.

Hair
- No extreme hair color, hairstyles or hair accessories (such as feathers).
- Hair length must be worn to allow eyes to be seen at all times - not just when hair is momentarily swept back.

Uniform Guidelines – K-5 GIRLS

Accessories
- Only solid color or approved plaid hair bows, scrunchies and ribbons that match the shirt, pant, or skirt colors. (not legging colors)
- Headbands must be a solid color or approved plaid to match shirt or pants colors.
- Barrettes – Solid colors only and brass or silver with no jewels or sparkles
- Earrings – Must be post only. No dangle or hoop style as this poses a safety concern in PE or recess. No gauges or earrings designed to enlarge earlobes.
- No black nail polish or make-up.
- No excessive jewelry. This will be at the teachers’ discretion.
- Students are not allowed to write on themselves with ink or paint.

Skirts, Skorts, Pants, Shorts, and Jumpers that adhere to the following guidelines may be purchased from Lands’ End, French Toast, or Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms.
All pants, skorts, skirts, and shorts should snap, button, or hook at the waist level.
- Colors: Navy or Khaki
- Plaid: The only plaid worn is Blue/Gold from the approved vendors.
- Uniform style with flat or pleated front and belt loops (except for elastic style for younger students).
- No rivets, metal accessories, cargo pockets, patch pockets, top stitched inner pockets, or blue jean style top stitching on seams may be worn.
• All cuffs and hems must be closed with no slits on sides.
• All pants and shorts must be hemmed. They may not be rolled up.
• All jumpers, shorts, skirts, and skorts may be no shorter than three inches from the bend of the back of the knee.
• No corduroy.
• No overalls or carpenter pants.
• No pants that sag or drag.

**Shirts** that adhere to the following guidelines may be purchased from Lands' End, French Toast or Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms. All shirts **must** have collars.

• Colors: solid white, navy, light yellow or light blue.
• Styles:
  o Polo style knits with long or short sleeves.
  o Oxford cloth shirt with long, short or ¾ length sleeves.
  o Uniform style blouses with Peter Pan collar with long or short sleeves.
  o Mock or turtle neck shirts.
• No writing, emblems, or metal accessories on shirts.
• Any undershirt worn under uniform shirts must be white or the color of the uniform shirt. There should be **no** writing on the undershirt that can be read through the uniform shirt.

**Uniform Guidelines – K-5 BOYS**

**Pants and shorts** that adhere to the following guidelines may be purchased from Lands' End, French Toast, or Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms.

• Colors: Navy or Khaki
• Style: Uniform style with pleats or flat front and belt loops (except for elastic style for younger students.) All pants and shorts should snap, button, or hook at the waist level.
• No rivets, metal accessories, cargo pockets, patch pockets, top stitched inner pockets, or blue jean style topstitching on seams.
• All cuffs and hems must be closed with no slits on sides.
• All pants and shorts must be hemmed. They may not be rolled up.
• No corduroy.
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**PLEASE NOTE:** Any dress code or accessories that are deemed dangerous, distracting, or non-compliant will not be allowed. Final authority on any questionable dress, footwear, or accessories will be determined by the principal. Parents will be called to bring suitable clothes if clothing does not fall into these clear guidelines. MHMS is a choice school and students attending must adhere to this dress code.