

## **Maranatha Academy Secondary Standardized Dress 2011-2012**

The purpose of a Standardized Dress Code is to provide students a variety of dress while maintaining an educational appearance to promote learning. These dress code standards are not intended to be all-encompassing. Administrators have the responsibility and authority to apply these general guidelines when confronted with questionable appearance not covered specifically. Please see an administrator if you have questions as to whether or not an item is acceptable.

Students not in code will be sent home if they are unable to change. Disciplinary records will be kept. Students are required to be in the code during the school day (arrival through departure) and for all supervised campus activities.

Attire may be purchased at any store as long as they meet the following guidelines. Maranatha logo items may be purchased at the school.

### **The Dress Code for All Students**

#### **Shirts:**

- All shirts must be short- or long-sleeved polo shirts, or collared dress shirts. A collared shirt must be worn under a sweater.
- All shirts must be appropriately sized.
- Midriffs must be covered at all times (too short if midriff shows with both arms raised overhead).
- Polo Shirts may be a solid color or have horizontal stripes.
- No objectionable writing or images anywhere on the shirt. Logos must be no more than 2".
- Must be buttoned at all times.
- Long-sleeve shirts may not be worn under Polo shirts.

#### **Sweaters:**

- May be a solid color or horizontal stripes.
- **Must be a vest, v-neck or crew neck pull-over, or button up cardigan. (no fleece or waffle-weave)**
- Must end below the waist.
- Shirts worn under sweaters must have a collar.
- Shirts under sweaters should be tucked in.
- Sweaters may not be tied around the waist.

#### **Sweatshirts:**

- May not be tied around the waist.
- ONLY non-hooded Maranatha sweatshirts may be worn any day of the week.

#### **Coats/Jackets:**

- Maranatha jackets are permitted. All other coats and jackets should be removed and stored in student's locker.

#### **Pants:**

- Must be Docker/Slack style with no outside sewn pockets.
- **Must be straight-legged –not tight in hips or legs. No 'skinny-jeans'.**
- May be pleated or straight front.
- Cargo style, painter/carpenter, drawstrings, and baggie pants are unacceptable.
- Must be appropriately sized to the individual student and worn at the waist at all times.
- Pants and shorts must be appropriately hemmed and have no slits.
- "Walking" dress shorts are acceptable as long as they come within two inches of the knee.
- Cargo shorts are unacceptable.

#### **Shoes:**

- Dress shoes, dress sandals, and tennis shoes are acceptable.
- Shoes and socks should be matching.
- Unacceptable shoes:
  - Spiked high heel shoes 2 inches high or higher.
  - Flip-flops and athletic sandals.
  - Heelies.
  - Boots worn with shorts.

### **Accessories**

- Belts may be worn but must be in the pant loops.
- No head coverings are to be worn while **inside the building**.
- No visible body or facial piercings, body art, or tattoos at school or any school event.

For all students: Sloppy, oversized, sagging, frayed, excessively worn, tight or wrinkled clothing are unacceptable.

### **Gentlemen**

#### **Shirts:**

- Must be tucked in except for **spirit wear on Fridays**.

#### **Hair:**

- Must be clean-shaven. (A \$1 progressive charge if using school supplies.)
- Sideburns must not extend below the bottom of the ear.
- Hair may not extend beyond the top of the shirt collar.
- Hair should be neatly groomed, combed, and not extend below the eyebrow.
- No designs may be shaved into hair.
- **Alternate/Extreme** styled hair is unacceptable.

#### **Accessories:**

- Nail Polish is unacceptable.
- No earrings at school or any school event.
- No **alternate/extreme** styled accessories at school or any school event.

### **Ladies**

#### **General:**

- No piece of clothing should be tight against the skin.
- Undergarment lines should not be visible.

#### **Pants/Capri Pants/Skirts/Dresses:**

- Must be a solid color.
- Skirts and dresses must come to the knee or lower **at all times**.
- Solid color dresses with a collar and sleeves are acceptable.
- Sleeveless, strapless or spaghetti-strap style dresses or tops are not acceptable.
- Acceptable dress Capri pants are in a Docker/slack style with no outside sewn pockets.

#### **Shirts:**

- Shirts at least 2" below the pant line and no longer than the beginning of the pant inseam may be untucked. If not, it must be tucked in at all times.
- Midriffs must be covered at all times (too short if midriff shows with both arms raised overhead).
- Shirts must be buttoned to no more than two inches below the collar bone.
- Sleeveless or strapless tops are not acceptable.

#### **Accessories:**

- Scarves and other non-belt items are not acceptable.
- A maximum of two earrings per ear may be worn.
- Leggings of any kind – whether under skirts, shorts, dresses are considered unacceptable.
- Extreme jewelry and **alternate/extreme** styled accessories are unacceptable.
- Makeup and nail polish are acceptable and should reflect moderate taste.

#### **Hair:**

- Each individual's hairstyle should reflect moderate taste.
- Extreme streaks or coloring is unacceptable (must be from the spectrum of natural colors).
- Hair should be neatly groomed, combed, and not extend below the eyebrow.
- **Alternate/extreme** styled hair is unacceptable.
- Hair must be kept out of the eyes at all times.

**Fridays**...Fridays are Spirit Days!! We want to celebrate the Holy Spirit or School Spirit. Students may wear unaltered Christian t-shirts, Maranatha t-shirts or sweatshirts and jeans. Christian t-shirts must promote Christianity and school t-shirts must promote Maranatha. Athletic apparel or gym clothes are not acceptable. Seasonal team uniform tops may be worn with the coach's approval for the entire team. Jeans must be clean, **without worn spots** or holes and must be modest. Maranatha-only hooded sweatshirts are permitted.

**Seniors:** Seniors may wear Friday Spirit wear the last week of their school (Graduation week).

**Underclassmen:** May wear 'Friday wear' during Semester 2 exams.

**Formal Attire Activities:** (Homecoming, Junior/Senior Banquet)

***Girls:*** Dresses and/or skirts must not be shorter than 2" above the knee. Dresses may be strapless but modest. Dresses must not be backless, low cut, or exposed midriff. Violators will be asked to leave. Boys will receive discipline if their outside dates are out of the dress standard.

***Boys:*** Dress shirt, ties and dress slacks; dress jackets are encouraged.

**Field Trips:** Field trip apparel will be determined by the teacher for each trip. Details for each particular trip will be written on the permission form. Short-shorts and tank tops will never be appropriate.

**Special Events:** (NHS Induction, Mock Election) Although formal, will have the same dress standards as daily dress code. Modesty always applies.

**Swim Wear:** On trips where swimming would be appropriate, only one piece swim suits will be acceptable for girls. Swim suits may not have high cut legs or revealing necklines. Boys may not wear tight or high cut suits. The school advisor reserves the right to require a student to wear a shirt over a swim suit they deem as inappropriate or immodest.