

MCS Policy J-001

Title: MCS Uniform Policy

Priority: Safety, Performance, Mission, Transparency

Legal Reference: None

Purpose:

McCurdy Charter School (MCS) believes that a Uniform Policy: increases school safety by identifying students and eliminating gang references; improves the learning environment by minimizing disruption, peer pressure and tension; fosters self-esteem, mutual respect, school pride and a sense of community; prepares students for future roles in the professional workplace; and is cost effective. Therefore, all MCS students will adhere to the Uniform Policy.

Position:

All students will abide by the MCS Uniform Policy. All students will maintain a neat and clean appearance. Uniforms should be clean and in good repair.

All school personnel, including substitutes, will ensure that all students adhere to the Uniform Policy. Any student in inappropriate attire will be sent to the office where the parent/guardian will be called. Repeated uniform violations warrant an administrative conference. All questionable Uniform Policy violations will be addressed at the discretion of the Principal or MCS Director.

Boys Uniforms

Boys must wear navy blue, khaki, or black uniform pants, trousers, slacks, cargo pants, cargo shorts, or uniform shorts. Not allowed are: denim jeans, sweat pants, and, and pants with rips and/or tears.

Uniform pants, trousers, slacks and uniform shorts must be worn at the waist. Sagging or low-rise pants and shorts are not allowed. UNDERWEAR MUST NOT BE SEEN AT ANY TIME.

Boys must wear polo shirts that are solid white, red, navy, or royal blue. Polo shirts must have a collar and can be short or long sleeved. Bare midriffs are not allowed and shirts must be below the belt line.

Solid white, red, navy, and royal blue long sleeve shirts with no collar can be worn under polo shirts.

Belts are optional, however, if worn must be plain.

Shoes, must be close-toed. Laces must be tied and Velcro secured. Hair should not impair the student's vision or the vision of fellow students.

Girls' Uniforms

Girls must wear navy blue, khaki, or black skirts, skorts, jumpers, capri pants, uniform pants, trousers, slacks, cargo pants, cargo shorts, or uniform shorts. Not allowed are: denim jeans, sweat pants, pants with embellishments, and pants with rips and/or tears.

Skirts, skorts, capri pants, uniform pants, trousers, slacks and uniform shorts must be worn at the waist. Sagging or low-rise pants are not allowed. UNDERWEAR MUST NOT BE SEEN AT ANY TIME.

Girls must wear polo shirts that are solid white, red, navy, or royal blue. Polo shirts must have a collar and can be short or long sleeved. Bare midriffs are not allowed and shirts must be below the belt line.

Solid white, red, navy, and royal blue long sleeve shirts with no collar can be worn under polo shirts.

Belts are optional, however, if worn must be plain.

Shoes, must be close-toed. Laces must be tied and Velcro secured. High-heels are only allowed for pre-approved, special events.

Tights must be a single color in white, red, navy, or royal blue.

Hair should not impair the student's vision or the vision of fellow students.

Head Wear

For grades 7-12, baseball caps are not allowed.

For grades K-6, baseball caps are allowed for recess only.

Stocking caps, beanies, and skull caps are permitted outdoors for cold weather. These must not be worn indoors.

Theme Days

With an administrator's approval, variations to the Uniform Policy will be allowed for Theme Days that align with the MCS mission.

Cold Weather Attire

During cold weather, only the following are acceptable for both girls and boys:

Solid white, red, navy, royal blue, gray, and black outerwear. Outerwear includes jackets, coats, sweaters, vests, and sweatshirts (zipped or pullover).

Activity Dress

Students that attend school-related activities during school hours, must be in school uniform, unless otherwise approved by school administration.

Students that attend school-related events as representatives of the school, taken during or outside of school hours, must be in school uniform, unless otherwise approved by school administration. Specific dress for athletic events requires approval from the administrator.

Students that attend after-school hour activities as spectators do not have to be in school uniforms. However, students are expected to be respectful of themselves and others by dressing modestly and appropriately.

Other

The following are not allowed at MCS at any time:

No visible jewelry or body piercings other than ears;

No visible tattoos;

No gang-related, lewd, drug-related, or alcohol-related words, graphics, or symbols;

Words or graphics that span across the front or back of garments that do not represent and reflect McCurdy Charter School.

Compliance

Students will not be considered in violation of the MCS Uniform Policy if the parent/guardian secures an exemption for their student for any of the following reasons:

Violates religious belief;

Conflicts with the wearing of a nationally recognized youth organization uniform (e.g. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, ROTC, etc.);

Health issues.

Enforcement

The McCurdy Charter School Discipline Policy will be followed regarding the MCS Uniform Policy.

Resources

See examples of uniform pants and uniform shorts on MCS website: www.mcsk12nm.org.

Approved by MCS Governance Board on June 18, 2014.