



Meridian Public Charter School's uniform policy is designed to give students a sense of professionalism and community, and therefore is strictly enforced throughout the school year, including half days and birthdays. We feel that this simple show of unity eliminates the distractions that can come with students trying to keep up with the latest fashion trends. It is our hope that when students put on their uniform in the morning, they take on a professional mindset in their approach to education. By abiding by our uniform policy, students show a willingness to be a part of our school community and accept the responsibility of taking ownership of their education, actively promoting a school culture of pride, unity, discipline, and safety. Uniforms also create security through identification, enabling school officials to recognize intruders. Students out of compliance with the uniform policy will be subject to disciplinary consequences as per the Student Handbook.

Dress Code Requirements:

All students must wear:

- Solid navy blue, light blue, or white collared shirt
- Solid navy blue pants or shorts no shorter than the student's longest finger when standing upright and hands down at their side
- Closed-toed shoes

Students may elect to wear:

- Navy blue or light blue skirt or polo-style dress, no shorter than the student's longest finger when standing upright and hands down at their side
- Meridian spirit wear t-shirts (purchased from or given by the school)

Additionally, students may choose to wear the following items during cold weather:

- Meridian sweatshirts (purchased/ordered through Meridian Family Orientation and/or Back to School Night)
- Solid navy blue, black, grey or white sweater
- If electing to wear a fleece or sweater, students must wear a uniform collared shirt (solid navy blue, solid light blue, solid gray, or solid white).

Students are not permitted to wear the following items:

- Coats, jackets, and hooded sweatshirts (hoodies) are all considered outerwear and cannot be worn in class or around the building
- Open-toed shoes and sandals are prohibited; they are not safe and may cause injury to the student.
- Hats are prohibited. However, Meridian respects and protects students' religious, ethnic and cultural expression. Students may wear any religiously, ethnically, or culturally specific head coverings or hairstyles, including but not limited to hijabs, yarmulkes, head/hair wraps, braids, dreadlocks, and cornrows.

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- Leggings (any skin-tight or form-fitting garment that covers the legs and sometimes waist) may only be worn underneath skirts/shorts of the appropriate length. Leggings CANNOT be worn in the place of pants.
 - Any article of clothing, accessory, or markings on clothes or skin that
 - exhibits curse words or slurs, exhibits graphic or violent images, or
 - displays emblems, symbols, signs, or other things which are clear evidence of affiliation with illegal drugs, alcohol, violence, or criminally motivated organizations.

Dress Down Days:

Dress Down Days may be granted for campus-wide special events (e.g. spirit or theme weeks) or earned by individual students to celebrate their success. For all Dress Down Days, the following guidelines must be followed:

- No backs or midriffs may be exposed
- No tank tops
- Shorts and skirts must reach the student's longest finger when standing upright and hands down at their side
- No holes, rips or tears on tops or bottoms

Students not in uniform, school apparel or suitable Dress Down Day attire will receive negative points on Dean's List. Parent/guardian(s) will be notified, and the student will be provided with appropriate apparel, consistent with the school's dress code, if available. After three incidents of failing to comply with the Uniform Policy and Dress Code, the student will not be permitted to attend class until he/she is appropriately dressed. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and asked to immediately provide appropriate clothing as well as schedule a meeting with the student's Dean or designee.

Mask Policy:

For the duration of the COVID pandemic and in accordance with CDC and DC Health guidance, all students, staff, and visitors at Meridian are expected to wear masks correctly (creating a seal around and covering both the nose and mouth) at all times while at Meridian except when eating or when outdoors. Neck gaiters and masks with ventilation valves are not allowed.

Meridian staff will work with students in a developmentally-appropriate way to teach proper mask wearing protocol and will make accommodations for students when necessary. Students with IEPs are eligible for further accommodations to mask wearing when deemed necessary by the IEP team. However, students that refuse to wear a mask are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with our student code of conduct.

TOPS / CAMISAS



MASKS / MASCARILLAS



BOTTOMS / PANTALONES



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