

Dress Code/Uniform Policies

Please mark all student clothing and belongings with their name in permanent marker.

Unmarked items that are not claimed in a reasonable amount of time will be donated to the school uniform pool or given to Goodwill.

ALL STUDENTS

Articles of clothing should be neat, clean, and of proper fit and length. Please keep in mind that this is an active and involved environment, and although we have the children wear aprons when engaged in messy activities, sometimes accidents are unavoidable. Therefore, be advised that children at Mountain Laurel are at risk for staining their clothing while engaged in activities in our learning environments!

- **Shorts, skirts and jumpers** must be at least **knee length**. Leggings, tights or gym/bike shorts should be worn underneath skirts and jumpers. No cut-offs.
- Midriffs, shoulders, and undergarments must be covered at all times.
- Revealing and tight-fitting clothing and tank tops are not permitted.
- Pants must be worn at the waist and shirts must remain tucked or fully cover the waistband of the pants.
- Elementary students should not wear leggings or tights as pants (unless worn under a knee length solid-colored skirt or dress).
- Clothing must not promote drugs, alcohol, sexual innuendo, or anti-religious messages or be offensive to members of the school or wider communities.
- Clothing, jewelry, or hairstyles that are deemed unsafe, inhibit movement, or are **excessively distracting** to the community or the individual are not acceptable (ex. Mohawk).
- No make-up may be worn.
- **No unnatural colors of hair dye used.**
- Make-up (including flavored/colored lip gloss) may not be in a student's possession either on the bus or on school property.
- (Primary) No jewelry or watches of any kind (post style pierced earrings OK)
- (Elementary) Jewelry is to be limited to conservative earrings (post style), necklaces, bracelets and watches.
- Sturdy shoes or sneakers only. **No flashing light, gaming, or wheely shoes permitted.**
- Rain/snow boots that stay on the feet should be worn in inclement weather.
- A pair of rubber-soled slippers or indoor shoes only with backs and toes covered must be worn in the classroom.
- A large backpack capable of holding your child's lunchbox and papers/projects should be carried to and from school every day.
- Purses are not allowed at school.
- Shorts may be worn only when the outside temperature is 50° F or above. If it is warmer out, but with the wind chill factor the temperature is 50° F or below, shorts may NOT be worn.
- Hats or hoods may not be worn indoors.

Toddler Community and Primary Class Dress Code: All children wear rubber-soled slippers in the classroom. We ask that slippers, clothing, outerwear, backpacks and lunchboxes be simple and **generic, without representations of commercial/fantasy characters. All items worn or brought to school should have your child’s name clearly marked in permanent ink.**

Young children are just learning how to dress themselves. Please send your child in clothing with fasteners that he/she can easily manipulate. Pants should be easy for the child to pull up and down. Shirts need to have wide openings so your child can pull them on without frustration. If at all possible, please send your child in shoes that he/she can put on and take off without much assistance. Velcro fasteners and large buckles are great ways to give your child practice with fasteners.

Children must wear shoes appropriate for outdoor activities—sneakers or hiking boots for days when the weather is pleasant and the ground is dry, rain boots for days that are rainy or muddy, and snow boots, snow pants, and gloves or mittens for days when there is snow on the ground. For Toddlers and Primary students, because of the obvious strangulation hazard, **scarves may not be worn or brought to school.** Rain jackets with hoods are encouraged. Umbrellas, because of their obvious hazards, should not be carried by Primary students expected to walk in line.

Elementary Uniform Policy and Dress Code

Dress code for “ALL STUDENTS” applies to students in Elementary. Please see below for additions.

Shirts & Tops:

- Mountain Laurel Logo Shirts – Any approved style shirt (short or long-sleeved polos, turtlenecks, oxfords, blouses, tees, sweaters or sweatshirts) may be ordered from the Lands’ End uniform catalog in the following colors: white, gray heather, any blue or evergreen. Uniform shirts must have the Mountain Laurel logo and the logo must be embroidered. Please use the preferred school code: **900101627**.

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLMS logoed solid colors only: white, gray, any blue or evergreen • MLMS logoed sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies, vests (in the above approved colors) • Solid-colored, long-sleeved shirts of the approved school colors may be worn under the unformed shirt, but the under shirt must be tucked in. • When children go out to play during colder weather, attire for outdoor play does not have to have a school logo, but should maintain the standards of general dress code policies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicolored, or any colors not listed as approved, unless it is an approved style of shirt from Lands’ End. • While inside: jackets, coats, sweaters, sweatshirts or hoodies without a MLMS logo. • Striped or patterned shirts under uniformed shirts • Non-approved colors under uniform shirts (ex. red, orange, purple, pink, etc). • Anything exposing a midriff, shoulders or undergarments

Bottoms & Dresses:

- Approved colors of pants, slacks, shorts, capris, skirts or leggings: khaki, black, dark brown, or navy.
- Approved colors of dresses: khaki, blue or evergreen
- Solid-colored biker shorts should be worn under skirts and dresses (children are often working on the floor and sitting cross-legged)

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corduroys • Knee length or longer • Solid-colored approved colors • Solid-colored leggings or tights under dresses and skirts in the above specified school colors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeans • Sweatpants or sports attire • Anything shorter than knee length • Plaids, patterns, or multicolored • Miniskirts over leggings • Leggings as pants • Multicolored or non-uniform colored leggings

Patterned shirts or leggings may not be worn under uniform shirts or skirts/dresses.

- **No Uniform Days:** In the event that MLMS offers a non-uniform day for Elementary students as a fund-raising event, children are required to follow the uniform guidelines that apply to all students. Jeans may be worn.

Jr. High Dress Code

Dress code for "ALL STUDENTS" applies to students at the Jr. High level with the following additions:

- For safety and comfort reasons, closed-toe boots or athletic shoes are required while outdoors. Students are to bring muck boots, coats, rain gear, work gloves and an extra set of clothes to be left at school.
- Swimsuits must be one piece or "tankinis" for girls.