

# DRESS AND GROOMING

## Uniform Dress Code For High School (Grades 9-12)

The Dress Code at The Midland Academy emphasizes modesty, clean, neat clothing in good taste to promote school spirit. Dressing for success improves attendance, graduation and academic proficiency and discipline. Positive character development is enhanced when students feel good about themselves. To be consistent with the philosophy and the style of the school, proper attire will be required. Students should choose clothing that fits 100% within the guidelines listed. The latest fad or fashion may not fit the dress code. Students are to consider dress code compliance as part of the Student Code of Conduct. The administration reserves the right to review dress. Parents may be called to pick up students or provide a change of clothing for students in violation of dress code.

It is expected that students will comply with student dress code guidelines whenever they are on campus or at a school-sponsored event. This includes appointed times for the uniform dress code, TMAACS Specialty Dress Code Wear, Friday Spirit Wear, Crew Days, Casual Dress and Dress Down Days.

High School students at The Midland Academy have the privilege of more options than K-8th grade students within their dress code. Khaki pants, slacks, and shorts, TMAACS plaid skirts, canary yellow or light blue dress shirts and yellow sweaters are additional options only for our High School students.

Additional **TMAACS Specialty Dress Code Wear** having the The Midland Academy insignia and/or crest will be approved for our daily uniform dress code. These items will only be available to order through Midland Charter Initiative during specified periods of time.

Schoolbelles offers a TMAACS-endorsed line of clothing that ensures styles and colors are consistent. While it is not mandatory to purchase uniforms through this supplier, it is mandatory that all Uniform Dress Code clothing meet these guidelines as illustrated online using **School Code S1688** to view TMAACS-endorsed clothing. Other companies offering uniform clothing include Land's End, JC Penny, and French Toast. All Uniform Dress Code clothing must meet the same guidelines.

**Schoolbelles: ..... Phone: (800) 548-3883 ..... Website: [www.schoolbelles.com](http://www.schoolbelles.com)**

**Name brands and insignia on clothing should be small (i.e. on a pocket) and not written across the shirt.**

**TMAACS Approved Color Code** (see Dress Code for approved item colors):



White



Canary  
Yellow



Light  
Blue



Schoolbelles  
#672 Plaid



Navy



Khaki

The following is an outline of our Dress Code:

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS (Grades 9-12) DAILY DRESS CODE

- **Girl's Skirts and Culottes in Solid Navy, Solid Khaki or Schoolbelles #672 Plaid**

**Approved:**

**Skirts** – A-line, pleated, kilt-style, and split.

**Culottes** – Plain or Pleated Front, not shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Solid dark navy colored knee-high socks (or nylons) may be worn with plaid skirts and plaid culottes.

**\*\*Skirts and culottes must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.**

**\*\*Slits in skirts and culottes must not be above 2 inches from the knee.**

**Unacceptable:**

Skirts and culottes and slits in skirts and culottes that are above 2 inches from the knee.

• **Girl's Slacks, Capris and Dress Shorts in Solid Navy or Solid Khaki**

**Approved:**

**Slacks** – Plain or Pleated Front.

**Capris** – Plain or Pleated Front.

**Walking Shorts** – Plain or Pleated Front, mid-thigh length or longer.

**\*\*Shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer.**

**\*\*Pockets on pant legs should be small and ornamental.**

**\*\*Capris and dress shorts are permitted in the months of August, September, May and June when the temperature outside is 70 degrees or above.**

**Unacceptable:**

Sweatpants, pajama-type pants, baggy pants, hip-hugger pants, cargo pants, painter pants, zippers on the bottom of pant legs, denim, corduroy, camouflage, cut-offs, stirrups or leggings, flannel, fleece, low-rider pants, shorts that are shorter than mid-thigh length, culottes shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

• **Girl's Collared Blouses, Knit Polo Shirts and Turtlenecks**

**Approved:**

**Blouses and Shirts** – Solid white, canary yellow or light blue colored with collar, short or long sleeve.

This includes: Broadcloth, Oxford Cloth, and Knit Shirts.

**Camisoles and Undershirts** – Solid white, canary yellow, light blue, or navy colored may be worn under a collared shirt or blouse *as long as* the lowest part of the neckline of the camisole or undershirt is not more than four inches below the neck.

**Turtlenecks** – Solid white, canary yellow or light blue, short or long sleeve.

**\*\*All shirts, blouses, camisoles and undershirts must be long enough to be kept tucked in.**

**\*\* Blouses and shirts (worn with or without a camisole or undershirt underneath) must not be opened more than 4" below the neck.**

**Unacceptable:**

Shirts not tucked in, attached tassels, ties or frays, collarless shirts, colored trim on collar or cuffs, spaghetti strap shirts, sleeveless shirts, flannel, corduroy, camouflage, fleece, t-shirts, Henley shirts, muscle shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts, denim, garments that bare the midriff, single-layer sheer tops, crop tops, visible bra straps. No skin may be showing around the stomach area. Blouses and shirts (worn with or without a camisole or undershirt underneath) must not be opened more than 4" below the neck. Camisoles and undershirts must not be worn without a blouse or shirt as a second layer.

• **Girl's Second-Layer Solid Navy or Canary Yellow Sweaters (with or without school name or insignia)**

**Approved:**

**Sweaters** – Sleeveless or long-sleeve including:

Crew Neck or V-Neck Pullover Sweaters

Crew Neck and V-Neck Cardigan Sweaters

V-Neck Cardigan Vest Sweaters

**\*\*All sweaters must be worn over a collared shirt or turtleneck.**

**Unacceptable:**

Henley-style sweaters, polo-style sweaters, hoods, attached tassels, ties or frays, colored trim, sweatshirts, spaghetti strap tops, crop top sweaters, camouflage, zippers on pockets, sweaters that bare the midriff, visible bra straps, sweaters worn without a collared shirt or turtleneck underneath.

• **Girl's Navy Blazer**

**Approved:** Solid navy colored Blazer.

- **Girl's Accessories**

**Approved:**

**Socks/Nylons:**

Solid dark navy (preferred), solid black, or khaki socks to match pants.

While navy socks are preferred, black socks will be acceptable.

Solid no-show socks to match shoe color or skin-tone colored no-show socks.

Skin-tone colored nylons.

**Tights** – Solid navy colored or solid white, both plain and lace type.

**Belt** – Color matches pants, skirt, shorts, or capris, with minimal ornamentation or decoration.

Belts must be worn with slacks that have belt loops. If belts are a problem, simply remove the belt loops to meet dress code.

**Hairpieces** – hairclips, barrettes, (non-athletic) hairbands, hair extensions, ponytail holders, and hair beads are acceptable.

**Ties** – Bowties, Neckties, and Continental Ties are optional.

**Unacceptable:**

Hats, bandanas, scarves, hoods, garments that bare the midriff, visible bra straps, studs on belts, body piercings. (Female students are allowed to wear moderate earrings).

- **Girl's Dress shoes**

**Approved:**

Traditional dress shoes that coordinate with pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers or dresses including tie-up, buckle, loafers/slip-ons and patent leather shoes that are clean and in good repair.

**Unacceptable:**

Athletic shoes, boots (dress, hiking, cowboy, construction, or snow), clogs, skater-style shoes (like Vans), sandals, flip-flops.

### **HIGH SCHOOL BOYS (Grades 9-12) DAILY DRESS CODE**

- **Boy's Navy or Khaki Pants and Shorts**

**Approved:**

**Pants** – Plain or Pleated Front.

**Walking Shorts** – Plain or Pleated Front.

**\*\*Pockets on pant legs should be small and ornamental.**

**\*\*Dress shorts (mid-thigh length or below) are permitted in the months of August, September, May and June when the temperature outside is 70 degrees or above.**

**Unacceptable:**

Sweatpants, pajama-type pants, baggy pants, cargo pants, painter pants, zippers on the bottom of pant legs, denim, corduroy, camouflage, bell-bottom pants, hip-hugger pants, cut-offs, stretch pants, stirrups or leggings, flannel, fleece, low-rider pants, short shorts.

- **Boy's Collared Dress Shirts, Knit Polo Shirts and Turtlenecks in Solid White, Canary Yellow, or Light Blue**

**Approved:**

**Dress Shirts and Polo Shirts** – With collar, short or long sleeve.

This includes: Broadcloth, Oxford Cloth, or Knit Shirts.

**Turtlenecks** – Solid white, canary yellow, or light blue colored, short or long sleeve.

**\*\*All shirts must be long enough to be kept tucked in.**

**Unacceptable:**

Shirts not tucked in, attached tassels, ties or frays, collarless shirts, colored trim on collar or cuffs, colored undershirts, shirts open more than four inches from the neckline, sleeveless shirts, flannel, corduroy, camouflage, fleece, t-shirts, Henley shirts, muscle shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts, denim, garments that bare the midriff, sheer tops. No skin may be showing around the stomach area.

- **Boy's Second-Layer Solid Navy or Canary Yellow Sweaters (with or without school name or insignia)**

**Approved:**

**Sweaters** – Solid navy, sleeveless or long-sleeve including:  
 Crew Neck or V-Neck Pullover Sweaters  
 Crew Neck or V-Neck Cardigan Sweaters  
 V-Neck Cardigan Vest Sweaters

**\*\*All sweaters must be worn over a collared shirt or turtleneck.**

**Unacceptable:**

Henley-style sweaters, polo-style sweaters, hoods, attached tassels, ties or frays, colored trim, snaps, sweatshirts, spaghetti strap tops, sheer sweater tops, crop top sweaters, camouflage, zippers on pockets, sweaters that bare the midriff, sweaters worn without a collared shirt or turtleneck underneath.

- **Boy's Accessories**

**Approved:**

**Socks** – Solid dark navy (preferred), solid black, or khaki crew socks to match pants.  
 While navy socks are preferred, black socks will be acceptable.

**Belt** – Color matches pants or shorts, with minimal ornamentation or decoration.

Belts must be worn with slacks that have belt loops. If belts are a problem, simply remove the belt loops to meet dress code.

**Ties** – Bowties and Neckties are optional.

**Unacceptable:**

Hats, bandanas, scarves, hoods, garments that bare the midriff, studs on belts, body piercings. (While female students are allowed to wear moderate earrings, earrings on boys are unacceptable).

- **Boy's Plain Navy Blazer**

**Approved:** Solid navy colored Blazer.

- **Boy's Dress shoes**

**Approved:**

Traditional dress shoes that coordinate with pants or shorts including tie-up, buckle, loafers/slip-ons and patent leather shoes that are clean and in good repair.

**Unacceptable:**

Athletic shoes, boots (dress, hiking, cowboy, construction, or snow), clogs, skater-style shoes (like Vans), sandals, flip-flops.

**NOTE FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Jackets and coats may not be worn in the classroom. Each student should have a solid navy sweater or solid navy blazer (meeting Uniform Dress Code standards) to wear in the classroom during cold weather. TMAACS Specialty Dress Code Wear is also approved for every-day dress code.

**Friday Spirit Wear**

TMAACS Spirit Wear may be worn on Fridays throughout the school year. Spirit Wear clothing items are made especially for TMAACS with our name and logo printed or embroidered, and may be purchased through the school during special order times. Approved Spirit Wear items include TMAACS t-shirts, TMAACS sweatshirts, TMAACS navy pullover or zip-up fleece tops, TMAACS navy v-neck windbreakers, TMAACS warm-up suits, TMAACS sport and academic team shirts. (Students may wear long-sleeve collared shirts or turtlenecks under TMAACS Spirit Wear t-shirts to keep warm.)

**\*\*Pockets on pant legs should be small and ornamental.**

**Unacceptable Attire for Friday Spirit Wear Days**

Athletic shoes, boots (dress, hiking, cowboy, construction or snow), skateboard-style shoes (e.g. Vans), hats, bandanas, hoods, sandals, clogs, shirts not tucked in, non-TMAACS sweatshirts, flannel, muscle shirts, T-shirts other than from TMAACS sports or academic teams or clubs, Henley shirts (unless worn

under a TMAACS Spirit Wear t-shirt), denim clothing items, baggy pants, corduroy, camouflage clothing, cut-offs, cargo pockets with or without zippers, spaghetti straps, skimpy dresses or garments that bare the midriff, low-rider pants, stirrup pants, leggings, crop tops, single-layer sheer tops, visible bra straps or body piercings (Female students are allowed to wear moderate earrings. Earrings and body piercings on boys are unacceptable).

### **Crew Days**

Students are encouraged to wear their Crew shirts (being Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario teams) on Crew Day, and may choose to accompany their Crew shirt with jeans and athletic shoes. (Students may wear long-sleeve collared shirts or turtlenecks under Crew shirts to keep warm.) Otherwise, the Daily Dress Code is in force for that student. Also, for Crew Days that are held on Fridays (which most are), Friday Spirit Wear may be worn, but keep in mind that Crew points will not be awarded without either a Crew shirt or a shirt of the student's Crew color.

### **Picture Day**

While dress clothes are preferred over casual clothes on Picture Day, students may wear clothing of their parent's choice on picture day as long as it is clean, neat and in good taste. See Casual Dress for guidelines.

### **Casual Dress & Dress Down Days**

Most clothing that is clean, neat and in good taste is acceptable. Casual dress may be worn for athletic contests or work sessions that occur after the regular academic hours. Shorts may be worn at mid-thigh length or longer. Dresses, skirts, jumpers and culottes must be 2 inches above the knee or longer. Slits in skirts, jumpers, culottes or dresses that are above 2 inches from the knee are unacceptable. Blouses and shirts (worn with or without a camisole or undershirt underneath) must not be opened more than 4" below the neck. Camisoles and undershirts must not be worn without a blouse or shirt as a second layer. Spaghetti strap shirts may be worn under tops that have a strap width of 2 fingers or more.

### **Grooming**

As with the dress regulations, the focus of grooming is on neatness, good hygiene, and good grooming that avoids extremes and fads, and which is consistent in spirit and in letter with the standards, philosophy and style of the school. Wigs may not be worn by either boys or girls unless warranted for health reasons.

### **Boys**

From the opening day of school on, hair must be shaped to the head and trimmed so that the hair is above the collar, preferably with some of the ear exposed. Hair is to be maintained so that it is neat and well-groomed at all times, avoiding bizarre styling and maintaining natural hair color. Ponytails and Mohawks are not allowed. If hair is to be worn over the forehead, it is to be cut above the eyebrows. No mustaches or beards (full or partial) are allowed. Sideburns should not extend below the earlobe, nor onto the cheek. Boys must be clean-shaven at all times. Body piercing and Earrings are specifically prohibited on campus or at off-campus school events.

### **Girls**

Hair must be maintained so that it is neat and well groomed at all times, avoiding bizarre styling and maintaining natural hair color. Mohawks are not allowed. Make-up may be used moderately and in good taste. Excessive jewelry which attracts undue attention is not permissible. While female students are allowed to wear moderate earrings at all times on or off campus, other Body piercings are specifically prohibited on campus or at off-campus school events.