

Mt. Carmel Dress Code for 2005–2006

As a private school, Mount Carmel maintains the right to establish a dress code for its students. By this dress code, we hope to create an atmosphere that is conducive to learning, to establishing habits of self-discipline and to promoting a positive self-image. For questions concerning the dress code and particular styles of clothing, please refer to the Mount Carmel website.

We expect each student to be conscious of his personal appearance throughout the school day. Mount Carmel will not tolerate a student's sloppy or unkempt appearance, even if the student adheres to the following fourteen guidelines.

1. **SHOES:** Students must wear black or brown dress boots or dress shoes. They may not wear work boots, bowling-style shoes, gym shoes, multi-colored or striped shoes.
2. **SOCKS:** All students must wear socks.
3. **PANTS:** Students must wear dress or "Docker" style pants with inside pockets, only Khaki in color. They may never wear jeans, "cargo pants," or "Dickies" that have pockets on the side or pants with pockets attached on the outside.
4. **BELTS:** Pants must be secured around the waist with a black or brown dress belt.
5. **SHIRTS:** Students must wear a Mount Carmel polo shirt. Students may also wear a long-sleeve Mount Carmel dress shirt. Students must tuck their shirts into their pants at all times.
6. **T-SHIRTS:** Students may wear solid color or Mount Carmel short sleeve T-shirts under their Mount Carmel collar shirts. Students may wear long sleeve T-shirts as long as they do not protrude beyond the sleeve.
7. **SWEATSHIRTS AND SWEATERS:** Students may wear sweatshirts, fleeces and sweaters provided they be "Mt. Carmel" fashion apparel and in good condition; shirt collars must still be visible. Students may not wear any other type of winter apparel, i.e., "dress" sweaters, designer fleeces or sweaters with designer names/labels printed on them.
8. **HAIR:** Students must wear hair in a single, natural color. It must be clean, neatly cut and well groomed. Hair may not extend over the shirt collar or the ears. Hair may be worn to the height or length of two inches. Students may not wear mohawks, shaven strips on the side of head, sideburns shaved above the ears, corn rows, twists, braids, "skinheads" or spiked hair. Sideburns may not extend below the lowest part of the ear. Moustaches are permitted with parental consent. Students may not wear any other facial hair. .
9. **HEAD COVERINGS:** Students may not wear any type of head covering while in the school building.
10. **EARRINGS AND JEWELRY:** Students may not wear earrings or ornamental jewelry. Possible exceptions are crucifixes or other religious medals.
11. **DRESS CODE FOR MASS:** On days when Mass is celebrated for the entire school community, students must wear a white or blue dress shirt and tie all day and a suit/sport coat during Mass. If a student violates this special dress code, he will receive a Saturday Jug. Dress shirts (other than Mount Carmel dress shirts) may be worn on Mass day with a tie, and dress pants (any color that matches) may be worn with the coat and tie.
12. **DRESS CODE DURING WARM WEATHER:** At the discretion of the Administration, students may dress according to the following warm weather dress code:
 - a. "Docker" style/Khaki dress shorts; NO "cargo" shorts
 - b. Mt. Carmel polo shirt or any non-P.E. Mt. Carmel t-shirt.;
 - c. Gym shoes that are tied; NO open-toe sandals or flip flops.
13. **I.D. CARDS:** Students must wear the prescribed Mount Carmel I.D. cards around the neck throughout the school day. It must be visible at all times and in good condition.
14. **LOGOS:** The only words or images allowed on clothing are those that are "Mt. Carmel" related. Anything else is considered a Dress Code violation.

In cases of extreme Dress Code violations (jeans, dyed hair, facial piercings, etc.), a student will be sent home until he conforms to the Dress Code. In some cases this action may require a parent's coming to school to pick up the student or a student's taking public transportation.

If a student chooses to violate the dress code policy, he will receive the following consequences:

- The first five violations are a \$5 fine or an after school detention;
- Each violation thereafter is one-point and \$5 fine or one-point and an after school detention.

A dress code check will take place daily at the beginning of the school day (after the Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance). Students must identify any non-correctable dress code violation (i.e., gym shoes, pants with outside pockets, etc.) and request a violation form from the teacher. Penalties will be doubled for a Dress Code violation if a student does not bring it to the attention of his teacher during the dress code check.