

Mariner Middle School Guidelines for Student Dress

We encourage all Tritons to dress for success! The following guidelines are provided within the Lee County Student Code of Conduct. Clarifications for MMS are found in the callouts. Thank you for your cooperation!

... Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times. . . Personal appearance shall not disrupt the educational process. . . The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress to be interpreted and enforced by the principal or designee. . . Principals have the authority with their staff and community, as permitted by School Board policy, to establish additional standards at individual schools.

"Appropriately fastened" means that **all buttons save the top button must be fastened**, and buttons may not be removed.

MMS-approved tops include **polos, oxfords, or t-shirts**. Scoop-neck or V-neck tops are not allowed.

Tops:

- Shirts shall be appropriately fastened in accord with the design of the shirt. The length shall extend beyond the waist level.
- Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner is prohibited.
- Transparent or see-through tops, tops that bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage or are of a suggestive nature are prohibited; halters, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts or any clothing which may be distracting are prohibited.

"Adequate length" means that hemlines extend to a minimum of **three inches above the student's knees**. Intentional rips or holes also may not be more than three inches above the students' knees.

Bottoms:

- Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school.
- Pants shall be worn fastened and at the waist with no undergarments showing.
- Pants with holes, tears, etc. may not be worn if, in the principal's judgment, they may cause a disruption to the school environment.

Footwear:

- Students must wear shoes at all times that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment.

"Safe and appropriate" means **closed-toe shoes with backs or back straps**.

At MMS, an appropriate top must be worn under any outerwear.

Outerwear:

- The wearing on campus of hats, caps, headgear (including hoodies) or sunglasses except in conjunction with designated school-approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities is prohibited. There may be certain exceptions for medical conditions, religious observation and physical education classes held outside. The principal will determine these exceptions.
- Long/oversized coats, jackets or jerseys are prohibited.

At MMS, students must wear their ID badges on a break-away lanyard at all times

Miscellaneous Provisions from the Student Code of Conduct

- *Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury – such as chains, bracelets, rings and chokers with or without spikes or studs – are prohibited. Wallet chains of any length are prohibited.*
- *Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco or any other illegal activity are prohibited.*
- *Apparel or symbols which may be gang-related may not be displayed on a student's person or in the student's possession.*
- *Gang-related tattoos, or other tattoos that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment as determined by the principal, are prohibited.*
- *Adornments that, in the principal's judgment could cause injury, be a safety risk or cause a disruption to the school environment may not be worn. Examples of prohibited adornments include, but are not limited to, hoops or rings attached to the nose, eyebrow, cheeks or lips.*
- *Any method of public display (including clothing, nail polish and other items that may be worn or carried) of an organization affiliated with controversial, obscene or illegal activities on a person may not be worn if, in the principal's judgment, they may cause a substantial disruption to the school environment.*
- *Long/oversized coats, jackets or jerseys are prohibited.*