



MOUNT NOTRE DAME
Empowering Young Women

DRESS CODE 2022 – 2023

A Mount Notre Dame student is expected to adhere to MND's dress code. The dress code has been designed to reflect the high standards of the MND educational environment while offering flexibility for subtle expressions of style and individuality. The purpose of the dress code is to build community, ensure safety, and prepare students for their futures. A general rule of thumb is that students should make choices that are in good taste, good condition, and a good fit both physically and for the ideals of our school community.

There are **regular dress code days** (Mondays – Thursdays), **spirit wear days** (all Fridays unless otherwise designated), and **out of uniform days** (administrative approved jeans/sweats days). Additionally, MND requires that students have a **"dressy" uniform** that is appropriate for special occasions: masses and prayer services, designated assemblies, certain field trips, Capstone Presentation (seniors), interviews, press releases, and other occasions when they need to present themselves in a more "professional" manner.

Teaching our students to present themselves appropriately and neatly is part of our mission to prepare students for success. And so, to be respectful of the MND school community all students are required to adhere to the guidelines listed below.

REGULAR DRESS CODE DAYS

TOPS (Monday-Thursday)

White, navy or light blue short-sleeved or long-sleeved polo with an MND logo.

Optional:

- Seniors may wear their senior t-shirts and sweatshirts.
- White or blue t-shirts under the polo (colored or printed t-shirts that show through the polo are not permitted).
- Official MND sweatshirt or fleece *with an MND logo*.

SKIRTS/PANTS (Monday-Friday)

- Navy blue skirt. It must be worn **fully zipped at all times** and fall no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Skirt must be in good condition and hemmed properly.
- Khaki-colored pants, capris or corduroys that are straight-legged (boot-cut is acceptable), in good condition, unadorned (by fringe, embroidery or metal studs) and are not too tight. Pants may have hip or back pockets. Knit pants or cargo pants with pockets on the leg are not permitted.
- From December 1 until the last day of February, students may wear designated "winter uniform sweatpants" that are sold only in the MND Spirit Shop.

FOOT/LEG WEAR: (Monday-Friday)

- Tights: navy blue or black tights (full-footed, ankle-length or mid-calf), solid color—no patterns.
- Socks of any color or pattern (golf style, ankle-high or knee-high) may be worn.
- Shoes should be chosen with safety in mind. Various styles of footwear are not suitable for a school environment with high traffic areas, stairwells, etc.
 - Rubber-soled, closed toe shoes are to be worn.
 - The back of the shoe must cover at least half of the heel or have a strap to secure the shoe on the foot.
 - Soft-soled "slippers" or slipper-like shoes are not permitted.
 - Boots are acceptable.

SPIRIT WEAR DAYS & OUT OF DRESS CODE DAYS

- Every Friday, unless otherwise announced, students may wear any MND spirit wear top (club shirts, school musical shirts, sport team shirts, etc.) that is in good condition. The only exception is a senior t-shirt from previous years, reserved only for that class.
- On jeans/sweats days, students may be out of uniform according to the specifications given for the day. All clothing must be in good condition, fit properly and contain only appropriate messages.

"DRESSY" UNIFORM DAYS (RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND OTHER DESIGNATED EVENTS)

TOPS

- Solid white short-sleeved or long-sleeved dressy blouse. It must have a collar and may be worn untucked. The blouse may not be sheer, and undergarments must be flesh toned so as to not be visible under the blouse.
- A solid white or solid black cardigan sweater.

SKIRT/PANTS (options)

- Solid black skirt (knee-length, mid-calf length, or ankle-length) OR solid black pants (ankle-length or mid-calf-length).
- Pinstriped, printed, patterned and charcoal gray skirts or pants are not permitted.
- Leggings, yoga pants, athletic stretch pants or other tight, form-fitting pants or skirts are NOT acceptable for special occasions.

FOOT/LEG WEAR

- Solid black flat "dressy" shoes with closed toes and closed heels are required.
- Shoes must be leather, or faux-leather with dark soles.
- Sandals, gym shoes or other canvas shoes, moccasins, or boots are not acceptable.
- Shoes should be comfortable ones that can be worn all day.

PROHIBITED ITEMS (all days)

- Outdoor apparel worn indoors (including hats, hoods, wide bands, bandanas, scarves, jackets, gloves, etc.).
- Senior t-shirts from previous senior classes.
- Any underwear/t-shirt hanging below tops; shorts hanging below skirts.
- Any color t-shirt other than white or blue showing at the neck (including seniors).
- Sweatpants or any long pants (including pajama bottoms) under skirts; note that pajama bottoms are NEVER permitted—even on out-of-dress code days.
- Any item of apparel which is too short, too tight or in disrepair.
- Flip flop sandals or shower/beach shoes—except on designated jeans days.
- White out, paint or marker, etc. may NOT be applied to any uniform item.

MND APPAREL SUPPLIER: RISSE BROTHERS SCHOOL UNIFORMS & MND SPIRIT SHOP

- MND skirts and polos may be purchased in in MND's Spirit Shop or online at www.rissebrothers.com.
- MND Spirit Wear may be purchased in the MND Spirit Shop.

QUESTIONS?

- Dress Code questions may be directed to Mr. Jeff Fulmer, Assistant Principal for Student Development, jfulmer@mandhs.org or 821-3044 x 102.
- Spirit Shop questions may be addressed to Kathleen Smith-Reeves at ksmithreeves@mandhs.org.