

Uniform Policy: While on campus, students attending McKeel Academy of Technology are required to dress appropriately. All uniform clothing must be purchased from the MAT Clothes Closet, Risse Brothers website at www.rissebrothers.com or from the Risse Brothers Uniform Store located at: 6914-28 S. Fla. Ave., IMPERIAL CHRISTINA PLAZA, Lakeland, FL 33813 Phone: 863-940-9913. Anyone needing financial assistance in obtaining uniforms should contact their School Counselor or other school personnel.

Parents, we need you to partner with us to ensure that your student abides by the dress code. Criticism and negative communication regarding these rules create an unwillingness to comply in students. We want to ensure that the dress code does not become a major issue at MAT. The dress code is NOT optional. We are here to provide an exceptional educational experience for all students. Students are expected to comply with the dress code, and parents are expected to monitor compliance before their children leave home.

General Uniform Guidelines

- **Uniform Must Be Worn Daily:** McKeel uniform must be worn at all times.
- **Shirts:** Must be tucked in, fit properly, and remain unaltered. Rolling or altering shirts is not allowed.
 - Colors: Navy blue, hunter green, or white. Only Seniors are allowed to wear red
 - Must be McKeel “M” logo polo shirt
 - Must be worn under hoodies, sweatshirts, or jackets
- **Bottoms (Pants, Shorts, Skorts):**
 - Colors: Navy blue, khaki, or McKeel Academy plaid
 - Must be worn at the waist
 - Must not be rolled at the waist or hemline
 - Must be below the fingertips when standing with shoulders relaxed. Undergarments must not be visible (example, long sliders or underwear)
 - Skirts are not allowed
- **Belts:** Must be worn properly through belt loops, with buckle fastened and visible
- **Logos:** Only McKeel logos are allowed on clothing
- **Clothing Condition:** No tears, rips, frays, or holes

- **Shoes:**
 - Must have closed toes and heels
 - No Crocs, sandals, slides, slippers, or open-heel/toe shoes
 - **Hair:**
 - Must be a naturally occurring color
 - Cannot fall below the eyebrows
 - Extreme or distracting styles (mohawks, carvings, etc.) are not permitted
 - **Body Art & Jewelry:**
 - Tattoos must be covered
 - One small nose stud is permitted; other facial piercings are not allowed
 - Gauges, spacers, or distracting accessories are not allowed
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Outerwear

- Jackets, hoodies, and sweaters must be **solid navy, black, or gray**, or feature an official McKeel logo
 - Must not extend past the length of uniform bottoms
 - Logos must be **no larger than a business card**
 - Hoods may not be worn while on campus
 - **A McKeel uniform shirt must be worn underneath all outerwear**
 - No denim jackets, trench coats, or blankets allowed
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Undershirts and Leggings

- Must be solid navy, black, gray or white
 - Must not be see-through or display logos/designs
 - Leggings can only be worn under uniform bottoms
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Uncorrectable Violations

Includes:

- Torn/ripped clothing/frayed
- Missing belts
- Incorrect uniforms or lengths
- Hair color/style violations

- Inappropriate shoes

Procedure for violation:

- 1. Student sent to office**
 - 2. Correction Options:**
 - Call home for correct clothing
 - Purchase used item for \$10 (shirt, pants, shorts, skorts, or belt)
 - If school provides the item, the cost is added to student obligation
 - Infraction is entered by issuing teacher
 - 3. Return to Class:** After dress code is corrected
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Dress Code Additions

- **P.E. Uniforms:**
 - Must be purchased from McKeel
 - Worn only during P.E. classes (not under school uniform)
 - P.E. grade requirement
 - Alteration not allowed
- **Cold Weather Days:**
 - Notified by school announcement, email, school website, or Facebook
 - **Blue jeans** allowed if specified (no holes, frays, rips)
 - Approved hoodie/jacket
 - Students without a “heavy” jacket or coat can layer appropriate “optional apparel” to stay warm. If the student opts to wear a hoodie, it **MUST** be solid navy blue, black, or gray and/or have an official “McKeel” logo. No other hoodies are allowed.
Denim jean jackets, trench coats, or blankets are not allowed.
- **Toys/Accessories:**
 - Not allowed (Includes stuffed animals, LEGOs, sports balls, etc.)
 - Distracting accessories (grills, extreme earrings, etc.) are not allowed
 - Bandanas are only allowed to be worn as a headband and not as a head covering
 - Caps, hats, sunglasses, sweatbands, hair rollers, durags, and similar items are not allowed during school hours

Additional Prohibited Items

- Gang-related, discriminatory, or promotional clothing
 - Clothing promoting tobacco, alcohol, drugs, violence, religion, disability, national origin, political affiliation, sex, relationship status, race
 - Unapproved shirts for Homecoming (must be pre-approved by administration)
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Special Groups & Events

- **Seniors:**
 - **Must wear McKeel M polo Mon-Thu; blue jeans allowed Mon-Fri**
 - **Friday Dress:**
 - May wear McKeel spirit/team/club shirts with uniform bottoms
 - Jeans are allowed for \$35/year, paid in August; must be free of rips, frays, holes, decorations, jegging material
 - **Professional Dress Days (Administrator approved days):**
 - Shirts tucked, belts worn, if appropriate
 - Males: dress pants, collared shirt tucked in, tie
 - Females: dress slacks/skirts/dresses (no shorter than 3" above knee)
 - **Game Day Attire:**
 - Sports Teams: game jersey with uniform bottoms (**game days only**)
 - Cheer/Dazzlers: designated game day shirt with uniform bottoms (**performance days only**)
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