

Makua Lani Christian Academy

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DRESS CODE (at school and all school functions)

Makua Lani Christian Academy desires to create an educational atmosphere that honors God and maximizes learning. Modesty, moderation, neatness and cleanliness are the overriding principles of the MLCA dress code. Students are expected to comply with the dress code when they are on campus, at athletic events and at all school functions whether as a spectator or a participant. Our desire is that our students dress in such a way that they reflect pride in their school, respect for themselves and ultimately appropriateness as we seek to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ. We need to be examples for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, in purity (1 Tim. 4:2). We also desire to give a good report and not be offensive in anything we do. This suggests living differently than the world (1 John 2:15). As we strive to glorify God in everything we do (1 Cor. 10:31), these qualities help us to do that in the area of dress. We have set a moderate age-appropriate dress code, avoiding the extremes of both legalism and liberalism.

It is also important to realize that parents, as the primary educators of their children (Duet. 6, Eph. 6), play a key role in this area of dress code. It is so important that parents guide and supervise their children in the selection of appropriate clothing.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS

All clothing must be clean, neat, presentable and fit appropriately. Clothing may not be oversized, frayed, torn, TIGHT or form fitting. No clothing may be worn which displays offensive emblems, words or slogans (specifically skulls, dragons, occult symbols, anything referring to chemical substance (ie..beer, alcohol, drugs, etc...)).

PANTS/SHORTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

- Pants and shorts may not fit so TIGHT that they are immodest.
- All shorts must have **AT LEAST A 4 INCH INSEAM**
- Skirts / Dresses should long enough so that no under garments are exposed while sitting, standing, walking up stairs, etc...this includes immodest slits. *When in doubt, do the mirror test and see for yourself. Because of the uniqueness of each individual, the principal may deem it necessary to re-evaluate skirt lengths. If in doubt, ask before you purchase. Ultimately, the Administration –in love- has the decision on this. **Complaining is subject to citizenship points***
- Leggings, tights, yoga pants, jeggings, etc. must be worn under skirts or dresses that are within dress code. **They may not be worn by themselves as bottoms.**

SHIRTS

- Shirts must be an appropriate length so no midriff, chest or lower back is shown when standing, sitting or bending over.
- Shirts / Dresses / Tank Tops must have at least 2 inch shoulder straps
- No “see-thru” garments (shear, sweater-type fabric, cardigan, cover-ups, wraps, shawls, etc...)
- Cleavage may not be shown at any time. Nothing low cut or revealing.
- **If a cover-up / cardigan / jacket is worn over a shirt or dress, the shirt or dress must be dress code compliant (nothing strapless, spaghetti straps or any straps less than 2 inches underneath).**
- Undergarments (including sports bras, bikini tops, etc...) are not to be visible at any time.

SHOES

- Shoes **must be worn** on campus at all times. Slippers are acceptable footwear for school.
- All students in P.E. must have appropriate shoes for participating in all physical activity, including running. The P.E. teacher has the final authority to determine appropriateness of all shoes for the class.

JEWELRY, TATTOOS AND BODY PIERCING

- No visible tattoos. Must be covered up at all times.
- No body chains.
- Boys – no earrings.
- Body piercings other than the ears (for girls) are not allowed to be visible at school or at any school function.

HAIR AND ACCESSORIES

- Hair should be neat, clean, a modest length and must remain a natural color (i.e. blond, brown, black, auburn).
- Hairstyles should not be a distraction to others.
- Hats, hoods, and/or sunglasses may not be worn in the classroom or in chapel.

WINTERBALL & PROM

The administration will make every effort to clarify acceptable semi-formal and formal wear standards (guidelines will be on the dance permission slips). Students who fail to adhere to the dress standards may be asked to leave the event or be given something modest to wear during the event.

DRESS CODE INFRACTION PROCEDURE

The purpose of a dress code is to motivate self-discipline in the areas of modesty, neatness and appropriateness. It is the responsibility of the parents to help educate a student in appropriate dress. It is the responsibility of the student to make proper choices which glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the responsibility of teachers & the administration to enforce the dress code at MLCA.

When a dress code issue can be corrected immediately (inappropriate shorts, skirt, etc...), the teacher or administration will speak with the student concerning the issue and have the student make the needed corrections right away (we have other items students can wear that are appropriate). No further action will be taken. However, if the student continues to persist with these “correctable” issues, he/she will be subject to the disciplinary steps below.

Continuous or blatant dress code infractions will result in:

Offense 1: Warning

Offense 2: Parents contacted

Offense 3: Detention

Offense 4: Disciplinary actions, could include suspension

The Administration is the final authority in determining and interpreting dress code policies.