

# New Uniform Guidelines – FAQs

## What is different in these updated guidelines?

- The new MRCA logo will be on any uniform items that are ordered starting May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Light blue and gray polo shirts from our approved vendors have been added as approved uniform shirt colors. Red and green uniform shirts are no longer available.
- Approved uniform pants, shorts, jeans, etc. colors are expanded to include navy, gray, black, or khaki.
- P.E. shorts for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be gray fingertip-length mesh athletic shorts with no MRCA logo. They may be ordered from Lands' End or any other vendor of choice.

## My family has uniform items in colors other than the new guidelines. Can my children still wear these items?

Absolutely! Any uniform items from previous years that have been purchased and embroidered by one of our three approved uniform vendors are permissible. If your children have red or green uniform shirts that still fit, they may continue using them until they no longer fit or are in disrepair. Additionally, any items that are handed down to your family or picked up in the school's uniform swap are also permitted, even if they have our old logo. Red P.E. uniform shorts may still be worn, as well.

## Do I have to buy uniforms from one of your three approved uniform vendors?

Any uniform shirts, sweatshirts, fleece jackets, etc. must be purchased from one of our three approved vendors. Parents may not purchase plain polos or t-shirts to be embroidered by a non-approved vendor. The only approved vendors are Lands' End, French Toast, and Read's Uniforms. Spirit wear sweatshirts and shirts will be sold by MRCA directly to families at certain times of the year. Spirit wear shirts may be worn on Fridays.

## Can my child wear a jacket or sweatshirt over a uniform shirt when it's cold?

When students are inside the building, they may wear uniform-approved sweatshirts, fleeces, jackets, or sweaters only. Spirit wear sweatshirts may be used any day of the week.

## Does my child need to wear a uniform shirt under a sweatshirt, fleece, or jacket even if they don't plan to take it off during the day?

Yes. Spirit wear sweatshirts or other approved outerwear from our vendors do not replace the uniform shirt requirement.

## Do jackets have to have the MRCA logo on them to be worn?

If students wear outerwear inside the school building it must be purchased by one of our approved vendors and have our school logo. If students wear outerwear outside at break, recess, etc. it may be any jacket of their choosing from any vendor, including but not limited to our approved vendors.

## Is performance-style fabric permitted for uniform bottoms?

Yes, performance-style fabric, such as dry-fit or "PFG" brand-type fabric is permissible for uniform shorts, pants, or skirts in the previously mentioned approved colors.

## Is mesh athletic fabric permitted?

For K5-4<sup>th</sup> grade, navy mesh athletic fabric shorts or pants are only permitted for the days they have P.E.

For 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, gray mesh athletic shorts are permitted as part of their P.E. uniform to be worn only during P.E. class.

## Can my child wear colored or patterned leggings under his/her uniform bottoms?

Yes, leggings of any color or pattern may be worn under shorts, skirts, dresses, jumpers, or P.E. shorts. *Leggings must not be worn as pants for any reason.*

## Do preschool students have to wear uniforms?

Only K5-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to wear uniforms. K3 and K4 students are not required to wear school uniforms and should wear comfortable clothing that is conducive to playing on the playground.

## What will happen if my child wears a non-approved uniform item to school?

If children wear non-approved uniform items to school, they will receive a quiet reminder of the uniform guidelines and, if possible, be asked to remove the article of clothing (if it is a non-approved jacket, for instance). If non-approved items are worn regularly, children will be sent to the reception desk and parents will be called to bring an appropriate uniform to school for children to change into. Parents, thank you for your continued support of our guidelines and help to ensure that your children are abiding by these policies!

## When will these uniform guidelines go into effect?

These new guidelines (including new acceptable uniform colors) will be in effect for the 2023-2024 school year. For the remainder of this school year, please continue to abide by the current uniform guidelines that [can be found here](#). We just wanted to let you know of the updates to the guidelines ahead of time in case you had questions or wanted to get a head start on ordering uniforms for the upcoming year.

