

Marquette Uniform Policy

School uniforms have been a long-standing tradition for Catholic school students. The practice of uniforms in Catholic schools is unique and in place for significant reasons. Father Brandon often reminds our students that, just as when others wear uniforms, we wear our Marquette uniforms as a reminder of who we are, who we represent, and how we ought to act as disciples of Christ. Jerome Porath, Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of Washington, suggests similar reasons:

Equality: Service to the cause of justice lies at the very heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ and, therefore, plays a key role in Catholic education. The uniform thus becomes a symbol, not of sameness, but of equality—equality of persons created in the image of God.

Discipline: Catholic schools have distinguished themselves by fostering an effective atmosphere for a learning and loving community. On this level, the uniform represents order and discipline—discipline based on mutual respect among students and between students and teachers in our Catholic schools.

Costs: A third sound reason for school uniforms is cost. Education can be expensive enough for families and communities. The uniform can lend blessed relief to the pocketbooks of students and parents resigned to pouring hard-earned dollars into a designer well. Overall, the uniform does not exist to eradicate differences between people. It says, “The measure of your human value rests in your heart, mind, and spirit, not with the price tag on your jeans.”

Marquette Catholic School relies on parents, guardians, and students to use good judgment in school attire and appearance. This includes ensuring that they are neat, clean, properly fitted, age-appropriate, and suitable for the learning environment. Marquette Catholic School reserves the right to determine if attire is appropriate, to have students change into appropriate attire, and to remove the privilege of hoodies and other gear if students continue to wear them inappropriately.

Shirts

- Solid white, navy, or red short or long-sleeve polo with or without the school crest.
- White button-down collared shirts with either short or long sleeves.
- Long shirts should be tucked in.
- Undershirts must be plain white, red, or navy matching outer shirts. These must be worn if outer fabric is see-through.

Pants

- Khaki or navy pants in a modest fit, full-length style. Jeans, joggers, and athletic pants are not permitted.

Shorts

- Khaki or navy shorts, walking length, may be worn in seasonal months.

Skirts, Skorts, Polo Dresses & Jumpers

- Skirts, skorts, and jumpers in khaki, navy, or uniform plaid, and polo dresses in navy or red. All must be a minimum length of 2 inches above the top of the knee.
- The plaid color/version is (Lands’ End “Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid” and Donald’s “Plaid #55”).

Socks/Tights/Full Length Leggings

- Tights, leggings, and exposed socks must be solid color white, navy, or red.
- Leggings may only be worn under jumpers, skirts, dresses, or skorts.
- For grades K-4, bike shorts or leggings should be worn under skirts, dresses, and jumpers (not required with skorts) if tights are not worn.

Shoes

- Closed-toe, athletic, casual, or dress shoes
- Socks need to be worn with all closed-toed shoes
- Solid-colored mid-calf or lower indoor boots
- Shoes and boots should have one-inch heel or less

Belts

- Preferred, not required. Brown, black, or navy solid color.

Spirit Wear Wednesdays

- Students are encouraged to wear t-shirts or sweatshirts with school shields and logos or issued via a Marquette school event. Middle School house t-shirts and sweatshirts may be worn on Wednesdays. Hoods will remain down while in the building.
- Solid-color jeans, joggers, and athletic pants without any logos may be worn. All holes and fray must be at the knees or below if the jeans are distressed.
- Leggings may be worn with spirit wear tops that cover the rear end of the student.

Sweaters, vests, fleece or crewneck sweatshirts (optional)

- White, navy, or red solid cardigan, vest, or sweater (V-neck or crewneck).
- Sweatshirts and hoodies in white, navy, red, or grey with the Marquette logo or no logo. Hoods will remain down while in the building.
- Lightweight fleece or crewneck sweatshirts must be plain or have a school shield. * *Note: Middle School house hoodies may only be worn on Wednesdays.*
- A collared uniform shirt must be worn underneath these items.

Hair

- Natural hair colors only
- Neat, clean, combed/brushed

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