

Uniform Dress Code

Manatee School For the Arts requires all students to wear a uniform. Uniforms are worn during the school day while on campus and at all school sponsored activities off campus and on the bus. Any exceptions for particular events will be announced in advance. Required uniform shirts and jackets are available only in the MSA uniform store. Call MSA at 721-6800, ext. 1000 for the store hours.

Middle School Uniforms

Shirts: Polo style with band on sleeve

Colors- burgundy and hunter green with yellow/red logo and white lettering

Fabric- poly cotton blend- smooth or pique blend

Oxford cloth shirt-long and short sleeve

Color- white with yellow/red logo with blue lettering

T-shirt- allowed on **Fridays only**

Color- black or ash gray with MSA logo

MSA production/department shirts with MSA logo

Shirts must be sized to fit, not overly tight (to be determined by MSA staff) and long enough to stay tucked in throughout all activities of the school day. Failure to comply may result in the student being sent home.

Long sleeved shirt may be worn under uniform shirts, but must be a **solid color** and cannot have a hood or pattern of any kind.

Jackets*: Hooded zipper front sweatshirt
Color- Gray with white MSA logo
Gray Letterman Jacket

Sweatshirts*: Color-Gray with MSA logo

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PURCHASE
OR WEAR **BLACK** MSA SWEATSHIRTS
OR JACKETS

Hoodie*: Hooded sweatshirt –pull over
Color-Gray with MSA logo

* Must be worn with a MSA polo shirt underneath

Uniform bottoms are not available at the MSA uniform store. Please purchase separately using the following information:

Bottoms:	Jumpers: Uniform style only - in colors navy and khaki
	Pants: Uniform style only - in colors navy and khaki
	Shorts: Uniform style only - in colors navy and khaki
	Capris: Uniform style only - in colors navy and khaki
	Skorts: Uniform style only - in colors navy and khaki
	Skirt: Uniform style only - in colors navy and khaki

Skirts, Skorts, shorts, etc. must be no shorter than a soda can height above the knee
(measured from the middle of the kneecap)

Pants must fit properly; they cannot be overly tight or baggy (to be determined by MSA staff). Overly tight or baggy pants will result in the student being sent home.

Belts: All pants and shorts that have belt loops, a belt must be worn. Belts cannot be extra long and scarf belts are not allowed.

Please Note - Pants, shorts and other items similar to uniform bottoms are often available at several stores. However, the following are not permitted:

- ❖ No Blue Jeans or Leggings worn by themselves
- ❖ No pants designed to fit below the top of hip bone
- ❖ Pants, shorts and skirts must have a hem and no frayed edges
- ❖ No pants with elastic or knitted cuffs around the ankles.

General Rules for Middle School Uniforms

- ❖ **Uniform guidelines are to be followed at all times**
- ❖ **Uniform shirts, jackets and pants are NOT to be altered in any way**
- ❖ **Shirts and pants cannot be overly tight or form fitting- to be determined by MSA staff**
- ❖ School logo must be visible at all times
- ❖ Shirts must be tucked in **at all times**
- ❖ Student ID must be current, worn on upper body, visible at all times, and may not be altered or covered in any way
- ❖ Shirt sleeves may not be rolled
- ❖ Only MSA uniform shirt collar may be visible
- ❖ Shorts may not be rolled up or down
- ❖ Uniforms with tears, holes, written on or other damage may not be worn
- ❖ Waist of pants must sit at the top of the hips or higher
- ❖ No leggings (stretch pants with no pockets or beltloops) are allowed to be worn as pants. Leggings may be worn under shorts/skirts.
- ❖ No fishnet stockings as part of the regular uniform
- ❖ No long belts, no suspenders or straps hanging off bottoms, no ties, scarves, ribbons, etc. around neck or waist
- ❖ Non-uniform jackets or sweaters may not be worn in school and must be placed in backpack
- ❖ Jackets must be worn properly, not tied around waist or worn only over arms
- ❖ Hood of jacket or hoodies may not be worn on head while in the building
- ❖ Shoes are to be worn at all times (except in those classes that require otherwise)
- ❖ No open-backed shoes (no flip-flops or slippers, or skate shoes). Straps or backs of shoes must be worn around heel at all times.
- ❖ No spiked jewelry, dog collars, handcuffs, safety pins or bandanas
- ❖ No jewelry depicting handcuffs, guns, weapons, bullets, skulls, illegal substances or symbols of a sexual nature
- ❖ No chains or chain wallets; keys must be kept in pocket, not hanging from belt
- ❖ No exposed body piercing other than ears and nose (**nose stud only**, no rings, loops, or bars) including tongue, eyebrow, lip etc.
- ❖ No chains connecting piercings
- ❖ No exposed tattoos, including Henna
- ❖ No sunglasses (on face, head or shirt)
- ❖ No hats, caps, tiaras, crowns, capes, head scarves, bandanas of any style or print, goggles, animal accessories or head band with attachments or any other head covering of any kind
- ❖ No spiked hair stiff enough to create a safety hazard
- ❖ No toys— this includes pacifiers, leis, stuffed animals, Mardi Gras beads, etc.

Uniforms for Dance and TKD- Information on required uniforms will be available from the appropriate teacher. Do not purchase clothing prior to notice.

NOTE: Individual faculty may request a student to alter his/her clothing, accessories, make-up, etc. if it is distracting to the teacher or other students in the class. If the student declines to comply, the teacher should call Student Support for assistance. Student Support will make the determination of a student's uniform being improper or ill fitting. The decision of Student Support will be final.

The Dress code will be strictly enforced.

Failure to comply may result in student being sent home or disciplinary action.