

MacLaren Uniform

Girls

2025-2026

MacLaren students wear a simple, attractive uniform for several reasons, including the following:

- 1) Uniforms help to create a school identity and cohesive school culture;*
- 2) Uniforms lend an air of dignity and professionalism to the work of school;*
- 3) Uniforms cut down on distraction and social pressure around clothing;*
- 4) Uniforms promote school safety by making visitors easier to identify; and*
- 5) Uniforms make life easier for students and families.*

Our uniform guidelines are specific. They are not moral or personal judgements. In order to maintain a uniform, it is helpful to draw clear lines between what is inside and outside the dress code. These lines are intended to provide clarity to students, parents, and teachers.

Parents and students are encouraged to use the deans as resources. Can't find a comfortable pair of pants that fit within the dress code? Can't find shoes that support your feet and fall within the dress code? Confused about school-appropriate hairstyles? The deans have experience in all these matters and are eager to help. Send us an email or talk with us in person!

MacLaren does not discriminate on the basis of race, and as such will allow students to wear hairstyles that are commonly or historically associated with their particular race or ethnicity. Please reach out to the Head of School if you think this applies to you.

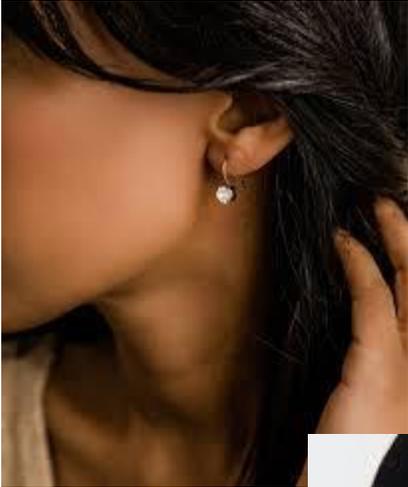
Dress Code Categories

1. Jewelry
2. Make Up
3. Hair
4. Sunglasses and Hats
5. Body Piercings and Tattoos
6. Uniform Items

Earrings

- **Girls may wear three pairs of short earrings in each ear.** (Earring length and/or diameter should not exceed one inch.)
 - Large hoops or other dangling or distracting earrings are not permitted.
- No body-piercing jewelry except earrings will be permitted. Spacers will not be allowed; non-approved piercings will need to be removed during the school day.

Earrings – In uniform



Earrings – Not in uniform



Jewelry

- Girls may wear one bracelet per wrist.
 - A watch does not count as a bracelet: girls can wear a watch and one bracelet on the same wrist.
 - No rubber wristbands.
- Girls may wear one ring per hand.
- Girls may wear one necklace.
 - Pendant must be smaller than one inch.
 - To maintain a dressy, professional appearance no chokers or shell necklaces are allowed.
- No anklets.



Rubber bracelets
and anklets are not
allowed



Watches - Not in uniform

No smart watches (Apple, Fitbit, Garmin, Android, etc.)



Makeup

- 6th and 7th graders may not wear makeup.
 - Exception: students are welcome to use concealer to cover blemishes if they wish.
- 8th – 12th grade girls' makeup should be natural and non-distracting.

In uniform:



Not in uniform:



Nail Polish

- If girls want to paint their nails, nails must all be one, solid color.
 - No patterns or designs.
- To promote a professional learning environment, the following colors are not permitted:
 - Neon
 - Sparkly
 - Black
- If students have their nails done professionally, it is the responsibility of students and parents to make sure that nails conform to MacLaren dress code.
- In uniform:



Not in uniform:



Hair

- Hair should be natural looking and conservative in its color.
- No part of the head may be shaved.
- Hair cannot be short on one side and longer on the other.
 - Hair cannot be shaved at the nape of the neck.
- It is the responsibility of students and parents to make sure hair cuts are in accord with MacLaren guidelines.

Dyed Hair

- Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color; hair may not have extreme highlights. Radical changes in hair color during the school year are unacceptable. Students considering dyeing their hair are highly encouraged to discuss with the Dean.
- No extreme hairstyles, including shaved or partially shaved, extensions, feathers, or streaks of color.
 - If students are getting their hair professionally dyed, it is the responsibility of students and parents to make sure that the new hairstyle conforms to MacLaren standards.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to talk to their dean before dying hair.

Hair – In uniform



Hair – Not in uniform



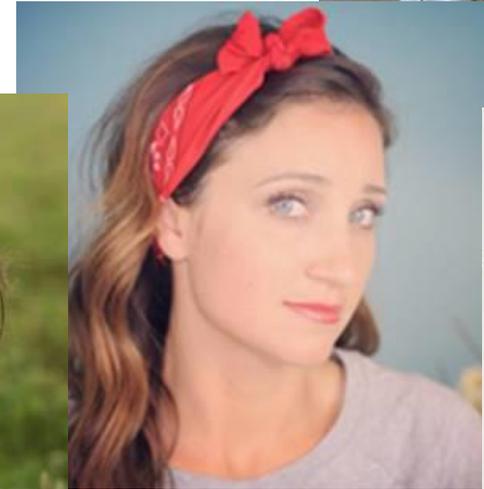
Hair Styles at the start of School

- If students dye their hair unusual colors over the summer, it is the responsibility of student and parents to make sure that color is imperceptible by the start of the school year.
- Families are welcome to contact the dean in the week before registration with any questions about hair.

Hair Accessories — Barrettes, bows, and headbands cannot be too large or distracting. • No bandanas may be worn, even as headbands.

• In uniform:

• Not in uniform:



Sunglasses and Hats

- Sunglasses are not to be worn within the school building during school hours, with the exception of prescription glasses that change in the light.
- Headwear (caps, visors, beanies, bandanas, etc.) may only be worn outside. (See Field Day page for exceptions.)

Body Piercings and Tattoos

- Visible body piercing, tongue rings/barbells, or “gauging” of the ears is not allowed and must be removed during school and school related activities.
- No tattoos, temporary or permanent, may be visible during school or school related activities. This prohibition includes pen and ink drawings on the skin.

Uniform Items

- Students must be in uniform all day.
 - Students must take off non-MacLaren outerwear when they arrive at school in the morning.
 - Non-MacLaren outerwear is permitted at recess.
 - Non-MacLaren outerwear **may not be worn** when walking between buildings for class.
- Students may not change out of uniform before being picked up.
 - Students who work or have after school activities must change when they arrive at their destination.
 - Exception: students may change before participating in MacLaren athletic events.

Outerwear

- Students must purchase either a MacLaren sweater or fleece from French Toast, or, a MacLaren crewneck sweatshirt from Cole Brands.
 - These are also available at a substantial discount from the retail prices at used uniform sales.



Uniform Shirts

- Students may wear short- or long-sleeve polos from French Toast.
 - Middle school students wear maroon.
 - High school students wear white.
- Students may wear white undershirts under their polos. No other color undershirt is permitted.
 - No long-sleeve undershirts may be worn under short-sleeve polos.
- Students should button at least the bottom button of the polo.
- High school students should make sure their undergarments are not visible through their white shirts. If needed, students should wear neutral-colored tank tops under their school shirts.



New for Juniors and Seniors!

Tie/vest can only be worn with Oxford (not polo).

Oxford may be worn by itself, with tie only, or with vest only



Uniform Pants

All girls' pants must be khaki straight-leg pants, flat-front or pleated. No logo. Pant length must be just below the ankle with a simple hem, no cuff.

In uniform:

Not in uniform:



Uniform Pants

- No cargo pants. No decorations, no brassy buttons, no jean-like material.
- No external or patch pockets.
- Pants must fit with a 1-2” ease around the hips; not too tight not too loose.

Patch pockets – pockets sewn onto the exterior of pants’ seat



Uniform Shorts

- All girls' shorts must be khaki, flat front or pleated Bermuda shorts, no logo.
- Shorts should be no shorter than two inches above the knee and no longer than the middle of the knee cap.
- Shorts also may not have exterior or "patch" pockets.
- In uniform:



Not in uniform:



Belts

- Plain, simple dark brown or black leather or leather-like belt (flat or braided) with plain buckle
- Belts are NOT optional with pants and shorts.
- In uniform:



Not in uniform:



Skirts

- Skirt hems must come to the top of the knee.
- Skirts may not come more than two inches below the knee.
- As students grow taller, they may need to purchase a new skirt mid-year. Parents should take the initiative to order the new skirt when needed.



Socks and Tights

- With pants and shorts: solid white, black, or khaki quarter crew, crew, or knee-high socks (no logo). Short socks must rise above the ankle. No anklets or low sport socks.
- With Skirt: solid white, black, or khaki quarter crew, crew or knee-high socks, or tights (no logo); nude nylons also acceptable. No leggings.

In uniform:



Not in uniform:



Shoes

- Shoes must be entirely black, brown, or cordovan, including the soles and laces.
- Acceptable styles include: ties, flats, or slip-ons.
- Material must be leather or leather-like.
- Closed-toe, closed-heel
 - No heels over 1” in middle school; no heels over 2” in high school.
- In uniform:



Shoes, continued

- No athletic shoes, sandals, including Birkenstocks, Vans, Converse, Nike, and Adidas, even if they are all black.
- No cloth shoes or sport boots of any kind, or shoes that look like slippers.
- No boots – bootie-style shoes are acceptable only if the shoe does not go above the ankle.
- Not in uniform:

