

# MACLAREN UNIFORM

UPPER SCHOOL: GIRLS

*MacLaren students wear a simple uniform and follow a conservative dress code, both to eliminate distraction and to create a school identity.*

*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 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

# Jewelry

- Jewelry should be conservative and not distracting
- No object that has a purpose other than jewelry can be worn as jewelry
  - Animal collars, safety pins

# Earrings

- One pair of short earrings worn in the earlobe is allowed
- Not allowed:
  - Body piercing
  - Earrings larger than one inch
- Cartilage piercings and double piercings are not allowed.
  - MacLaren recommends that parents not get their daughters multiple piercings while they are students here.
  - If parents decide to let their daughters have multiple piercings, it is the family's responsibility to make sure piercings are covered or worn with clear spacers each day.



Clear spacers



# Jewelry

- Girls may wear one wrist 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



# Make up

- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls may not wear make up
  - Exception: students are welcome to use concealer to cover blemishes if they wish
  - Parents should check occasionally to make sure middle school daughters are not wearing make up to school
- **New for 23-24 school year: 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be allowed to wear make up.**

# Make up

- 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls' make up should be natural and non-distracting

Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:



# Nail Polish

- If girls want to paint their nails, nails must all be one, solid color
  - No patters 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
- Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:



# Hair Cuts

- 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.



Neither style is acceptable as no part of the head may be shaved





# Dyed Hair

- Hair should be natural looking and conservative in its color
- Hair may not have extreme highlights, including ombre highlights
- 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
  - If it does not, hair may need to be redone
  - Students are strongly encouraged to talk to their dean before dying hair
- Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:



# 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

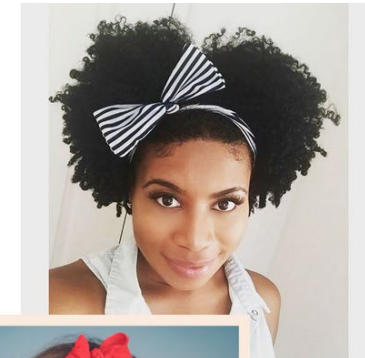
# Hair Accessories

- Barrettes, bows and headbands cannot be too large or distracting
- Bows, flowers and other hair ornaments cannot be larger than three inches in any dimension
- Headbands may not be wider than three inches
- No bandanas may be worn, even as headbands

Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:





# 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.
- Hats (caps, visors, beanies, bandanas, etc.) may not be worn except on designated days.

# Body Piercings and Tattoos

- Visible body piercing, tongue rings/barbells or “gauging” of the ears are not allowed and must be removed during school.
- No tattoos, temporary or permanent. This prohibition includes pen and ink drawings on the skin.
- Students may not draw on themselves or write on themselves. It is the responsibility of students at every grade level to honor this expectation. Frequent reminders from faculty should not be necessary.

# 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.
  - These are also available at a substantial discount from the retail prices at used uniform sales.
- Students may not wear non-MacLaren outerwear at school, and the building is sometimes too cold to go without layers. Therefore, buying MacLaren outerwear is a required part of the dress code.

# 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
- 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.
- Students should button at least the bottom button of the polo

# 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.

Acceptable:

Not Acceptable:



# 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 Hem: should be no more than 2 inches from the top of the knee cap and should not go past the knee cap
- Shorts also may not have exterior or “patch” pockets
- Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:





## Belt:

- 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
- Acceptable:



## Not Acceptable:



# 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

Solid white, black, or khaki quarter crew, crew, or knee-high socks (no logo).

- Short socks must rise above the ankle.
- When wearing a skirt, students may wear tights in the colors listed above
  - Nude nylons also acceptable.
  - Lower School students may wear leggings because they have PE class. Upper School students, however, may not wear leggings.

• Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:



# 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.
- Acceptable:



# 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 Acceptable:

