

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 while on bus. Any exceptions for particular events will be announced in advance. Required uniform shirts and jackets are available only at MSA. Call MSA at 721-6800, ext. 1000 for the store hours.

High School Uniforms

Shirts: Polo style with band on sleeves

Colors- black, red and navy with MSA logo

Fabric-poly cotton blend

Oxford cloth shirt-long and short sleeve

Color- white with yellow/red logo and blue lettering

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

Color- black with MSA logo

Ash Gray MSA P.E. shirt

MSA production/department shirts with MSA logo

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
ARE NOT ALLOWED TO
PURCHASE OR WEAR
GRAY MSA SWEATSHIRTS
OR JACKETS

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 will result in the student being sent home.

Long sleeved shirts 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-Black with white MSA logo

Black Letterman Jacket

Hoodie*: Hooded sweatshirt –pullover

Color-Black with MSA logo

*Must be worn with a MSA polo shirt underneath

Bottoms: High school students choose their own bottoms using the following guidelines:

Pants must be sized to fit-not oversized, nor overly tight-to be determined by MSA staff

Pants may not drag on the ground

Pants, shorts and skirts must have a hem and no frayed edges

No body hugging, clingy or jersey material

No athletic shorts, overalls or sweat pants

Capri pants may be worn but cannot be of body hugging materials

Skirts, Skorts, shorts, etc. must be no shorter than the tips of your fingertips when standing

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

General Rules for High School Uniforms

- ❖ **Uniform rules are to be followed at all times**
- ❖ **Shirts and pants cannot be overly tight-** to be determined by MSA staff
- ❖ Uniform shirts and jackets are not to be altered/written on in any way
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Shirtsleeves may **not** be rolled
- ❖ Uniforms or bottoms that have tears, holes or other damage may not be worn
- ❖ Waist of pants must sit at the top of the hips or higher
- ❖ No stretch or spandex may be worn outside of dance class. No sweatpants or pajama bottoms, or layered pants, nor pants and skirts connected are allowed
- ❖ No leggings are allowed to be worn as pants. Leggings may be worn under shorts/skirts. Fishnet stockings may not be worn as a part of the regular school uniform.
- ❖ No overalls, suspenders or straps hanging off bottoms
- ❖ 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 slippers or skate shoes
- ❖ No Croc charms/Jibbitz that are inappropriate for school
- ❖ 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 ear and nose (**nose stud only**, no rings, loops, or bars) this includes tongue, lip, eyebrow, etc. These may not be concealed behind a mask or bandage.
- ❖ No chains connecting piercings
- ❖ Visible tattoos must not be offensive or distracting (decided at discretion of administration). Any offensive or distracting tattoos must be covered.
- ❖ No ties, scarves ribbons, etc. around neck
- ❖ Key chains must be kept in pocket, not hanging from belt loops
- ❖ No sunglasses (on face, head or shirt)
- ❖ No gloves
- ❖ No hats, caps, tiaras, crowns, goggles, head scarves, bandanas of any style or print, costume ears or head bands 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 and Mardi Gras beads

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 a student being sent home or disciplinary action.