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, navy, gray, and purple with MSA logo
T-shirt-allowed on **Fridays only**
Color- black with MSA logo
Ash Gray MSA P.E. shirt
MSA production/department shirts with MSA logo

Shirts must be sized to fit and not overly tight or baggy. (to be determined by MSA staff)
Failure to comply may result in the student being sent home.
Long sleeved shirts may be worn under uniform shirts.

Jackets*: Hooded zipper front sweatshirt
Color-Black with white MSA logo
Black Letterman Jacket
Hoodie*: Hooded sweatshirt –pullover
Color-Black with MSA logo
Crewnecks: Color-Black with MSA logo
Special order only through Manatee Apparel Website
*Must be worn with a MSA polo shirt underneath

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

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 or overalls
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

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
- Student ID must be current, worn on upper body,visible at all times, and may not 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 yoga pants or pajama bottoms.**
- 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 chains connecting piercings or overly distracting piercings (decided at discretion of administration). Any distracting piercings must be removed.
- 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, bandanas of any style or print, costume ears or head bands with attachments, or any other head covering of any kind, with the exception of non-bandana pattern head scarves. Those are permitted.
- No spiked hair stiff enough to create a safety hazard
- No toys-this includes pacifiers, leis, stuffed animals, stuffed backpacks 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.