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 logo
Powder blue with logo available for 8th grade students **ONLY**
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- Gray with white MSA logo
Gray Letterman Jacket
Sweatshirts*: Color-Gray with MSA logo
Hoodie*: Hooded sweatshirt –pullover
Color-Gray with MSA logo
Crewnecks: Color-Gray with MSA logo
Special order only through Manatee Apparel Website

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

* 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:
Pants: **Uniform style only (no jean material)**- in colors navy, black and khaki
Shorts: **Uniform style only (no jean material)**- in colors navy, black and khaki
Capris: **Uniform style only (no jean material)**- in colors navy, black and khaki
Skorts: **Uniform style only (no jean material)**-in colors navy, black and khaki
Skirt: **Uniform style only (no jean material)**- in colors navy, black and khaki
Skirts, Skorts, shorts, etc. must be no shorter than a fingertip length

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.

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

- No Jeans of any color - **solid color** jeans are permitted on Fridays only
- No leggings worn by themselves
- No pants designed to fit below the top of hip bone
- Pants, jeans, shorts and skirts must have a hem and no frayed edges. No rips, tears or other damage may be worn.

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
- Student ID must be current, worn on upper body,visible at all times, and not altered or covered in any way
- Shirt sleeves may not be rolled
- 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 are allowed to be worn as pants. Leggings may be worn under shorts/skirts.
- No sweatpants, no knitted joggers, no athletic pants/shorts are allowed to be worn as pants.
- No fishnet stockings as part of the regular uniform.
- No long belts, no suspenders or straps hanging off bottoms, no ties, scarves, ribbons, around neck/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, slippers or Crocs.) Straps or backs of shoes must be worn around the heel at all times.
- No skate shoes (Heely's, etc.)
- 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 sunglasses (on face, head or shirt)
- No gloves
- No hats, caps, tiaras, crowns, capes, bandanas of any style or print, goggles, animal accessories or headband 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, stuffed backpacks, 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 a student being sent home or disciplinary action.