

MCDONOUGH SCHOOL

LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE | PK THROUGH FOURTH GRADE

UNIFORMS

The McDonough School Store and Lands' End are the school's official suppliers for clothing.

Dress-code items may be ordered online from the [McDonough School Store](#) or In-store. Items may also be ordered online from [Lands' End](#). Click the "Shop By School" button on the Uniforms page to view McDonough's dress code items.

Items may be purchased elsewhere if they are identical in style and color to Lands' End or McDonough School Store products.

Please note that color choices have been provided in some categories for variety. You are not required to purchase all the colors. Please note that "khaki" in our dress code refers to the beige, rather than green, version of khaki.

SPECIAL DRESS CODE

On several formal occasions during the school year, we ask our students to appear in "Special Dress Code." This attire consists of dress code clothing that meets the following specifications:

GIRLS

Navy blue blazer with McDonough seal
White Peter Pan collar blouse
McDonough plaid jumper
White ankle socks, white tights or black leggings (full-length or capri-length)
Flat, closed-toe dress shoes

BOYS

Navy blue blazer with McDonough seal
White dress shirt and McDonough tie (navy or orange)
Khaki pants
Solid dark socks
Dark dress shoes

**On Special Dress days, children should also bring a pair of athletic shoes for P.E. classes.*

*** Please note: prekindergartners only wear Special Dress for Picture Day, Grandparents' Day, Celebrate!, and Closing Ceremony.*

EVERYDAY DRESS CODE

PANTS

Cotton twill khaki or stone in traditional styles. No stretch, denim or cargo styles. No outside stitching or studs.

SHORTS

Cotton twill knee-length belted walking shorts in khaki or stone may be worn in September, October, April, May and June. Shorts may not be shorter than 3" from the top of the knee.

SKORTS AND SKIRTS

Ponté or cotton twill khaki or stone in traditional styles. Skorts and skirts may not be shorter than 3" from the top of the knee.

SHIRTS

White or green McDonough **polo shirts**, in both short and long sleeve, are available from the school store. At least one polo shirt should be white for field trips and class pictures. Only white t-shirts may be worn under the polo shirt. White, navy or green **turtlenecks** are available from the Lands' End catalogue. All shirts must be long enough to stay tucked in at all times.

SWEATERS, FLEECES, AND PULLOVERS

Crew neck, v-neck, cardigan, or sweater vests in green, white, or navy as found in the Lands' End catalogue. No hooded sweaters permitted indoors.

A black McDonough fleece jacket, a gray or black McDonough quarter-zip pullover, and a gray or black McDonough vest may be worn in the classroom and can be purchased from the school store. McDonough sweatshirts may not be worn in the classroom.

SOCKS

Girls: Short white socks, white tights, or black leggings (full-length or capri-length).

Boys: Short white socks

SHOES

White leather running shoes with non-marking rubber soles. Shoes must be white with velcro or white laces; minimal accent colors will be permitted. Canvas/air mesh uppers and high-top uppers will not be permitted.

White leather running shoes may be found in most children's shoe stores or online. Suitable brands and models include: Adidas (Performance Samoa & Superstar Foundation); ASICS (Gel Gamepoint G5); K Swiss (Classic Original); New Balance (Kids 624); Nike (Kids Advantage); PUMA (GV); Reebok (Kids Classic); Skechers Kids (82831L School Star); Stride Rite (Cooper H&L); Tsukihoshi (Youth20 Speed Sneaker).

All styles come in all-white leather. Towson Bootery in The Shops at Kenilworth will offer a 10% discount to McDonough parents for the purchase of white leather running shoes. The New Balance Shoe Store in Timonium Square Shopping Center and the Van Dyke & Bacon Shoe stores in Cockeysville, Ellicott City and White Marsh sell the New Balance white leather shoe and offer \$5 off with a coupon which can be found on their Facebook page.

BELTS

Conservative belts must be worn by all second, third, and fourth-graders if pants, skirts, skorts, or shorts have belt loops. First-graders are required to wear belts starting in the second half of the school year. Prekindergarten, kindergarten, and prefirst children are not required to wear belts.

OUTERWEAR

During cold months, outerwear should be worn to and from school and during recess. Outerwear must be taken off once students arrive in the classroom.

A black McDonogh fleece jacket, a gray or black McDonogh vest, or a gray or black quarter-zip pullover are the only outerwear garments permitted to be worn in the classroom. They may be purchased from the school store. McDonogh sweatshirts may not be worn in the classroom.

RAINCOAT

Each child is required to own a light-weight hooded raincoat. Your child's raincoat will be kept in a school locker or cubby, where it will be within easy reach in case of changeable weather or unexpected showers. **For safety reasons, umbrellas are not permitted.**

BLAZER

Navy with McDonogh seal. Blazers to be kept in a school locker and worn at assemblies, chapels and on days requiring Special Dress.

JUMPER

Girls have the option to wear a McDonogh plaid jumper and white Peter Pan collar blouse as part of the Everyday Dress Code.

HATS

Hats may be worn outdoors but must be removed when children are in the classroom.

JEWELRY

Stud earrings, watches, and one simple necklace are the only pieces of jewelry permitted.

BACKPACKS (BACKPACKS ARE PROVIDED FOR PK)

Backpacks should be spacious enough to accommodate folders and books, but must be able to fit inside a Lower School locker. In the interest of space and safety, rolling backpacks are not permitted.

HAIR STYLES

Hair is to be kept clean, neat, and well-groomed avoiding extremes in style. Additionally, hair should be kept from hanging over the eyes.

ADDITIONAL CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

CASUAL DRESS

On certain days when we just want to have fun, our dress code is lifted and children may wear casual or 'specialty' clothing. You will be notified in advance of such occasions such as Hat Day, 100th Day, Red Day, etc. so that you may assist your child in making those important wardrobe selections!

P.E. CLOTHING

It will not be necessary for children in grades K-4 to change clothes for P.E. on most school days. Clothing and athletic shoes that are durable enough for the playground are also more than adequate for P.E. All girls should wear shorts under skirts and jumpers for P.E. classes. Children will need bathing suits during their two or three weeks of swimming lessons. Towels are provided. They will also need sturdy boots with at least a one-inch heel during their two or three weeks of horseback riding lessons.

WINTER WEAR

Unless the weather is severe, we will be sending the children outside for recess. Please make sure your child comes to school properly attired for that day's weather. In order to go sledding or play in the snow, children need snow pants, boots, a coat, gloves, and a hat.

EMERGENCY CHANGE OF CLOTHES

We ask that you provide the following items in a bag, marked with your child's name, to be kept in his/her locker during the school year: Boys: pants, shirt, underpants and socks. Girls: pants/skort, shirt, underpants, and socks.

ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED

Please put your child's name on all clothing, shoes, equipment and supplies brought to school. All items should be clearly marked with name tapes or indelible ink.



GENTLY USED CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Bins, organized by size, are located in the small room on the left in the corridor leading to the Lower School library. You are welcome to stop by any time this spring or summer to pick up free gently-used dress code items.