



UNIFORM POLICY

CLOTHING

- Any solid color polo-style uniform collared shirt, short-sleeved or long-sleeved, NO LOGOS (unless it's the school logo)
- Uniform khaki or navy pants, shorts, and skorts (all must be at least fingertip length)
- Uniform khaki or navy jumpers or polo-style solid-color uniform collared dresses. Both must be at least fingertip length and shorts must be worn underneath jumpers and dresses.
- Belts with a buckle must be worn if the bottom has belt loops and the student is in first grade or higher (any color or design is fine as long as there are no characters & the belt has a buckle).
- Socks must be worn at all times. Leggings to the ankle (worn with socks) and footed tights or footless ankle length tights (worn with socks) are acceptable. Any color or design is fine as long as there are no characters.
- **Navy blue uniform polo shirt with MMA logo** (at least one): required for field trips and may also be worn in the classroom
- School t-shirts and blue jeans or blue jean shorts (at least fingertip length) may be worn on *Fridays* and are completely optional.

SHOES

Shoes must be sneakers or closed-toed, rubber-soled shoes held securely on feet.

Boots*, flip-flops, crocs, ballet shoes without an added strap, sandals, and/or open-toe shoes are not appropriate for the playground for safety reasons and because they are not conducive to physical activities that occur during physical education like running, climbing, and soccer.

INDOOR SHOES – Primary Classroom (pre-K 3, pre-K 4, and kindergarten) Only

- Indoor shoes are shoes that have never been worn outside, are comfortable to wear, and will not fall off the students feet while in the classroom (examples: slip on Keds, Crocs, Toms, etc. They do not need to be a name-brand.)
- The students keep their indoor shoes in their classroom cubby and change into their indoor shoes when they arrive in the classroom. They change back into their outside shoes for outside playtime.
- The students should have shoes that they can take on and off themselves. They need shoes that are comfortable and easy to manage.
- Independence is precious to the young child, and we will concentrate on shoe tying as each child is ready. Please do not buy your child tie shoes if they are not yet able to tie them.

COLD WEATHER ATTIRE

- Students may wear any plain, solid color long sleeve shirt underneath their uniform polo shirts (described above)
- Jackets or sweaters worn **inside** the classroom may be any solid color, NO LOGOS (unless it's the school logo)
- ***Boots** are only allowed on cold weather days where the temperature high for the day is below 55 degrees.

NOT PERMITTED

- Makeup, visible tattoos or fake fingernails. Earrings must be small-no hoops.
- Short shorts and miniskirts (anything shorter than fingertip length), see-through clothing, or tops that leave the stomach showing are not permitted.
- Hair styles - no numbers, writing or designs, no unnatural color (green, blue, etc.), no picks, no curlers, and no hats inside (unless medically needed).

Students who arrive at school without their uniforms will be sent to the office. Parents will be notified to bring an appropriate uniform to school. Students may be sent home for inappropriate clothing.

WHERE TO BUY

Our uniforms may be purchased at retailers who sell school uniforms, such as Sears, Old Navy, Bealls, Wal-Mart, Land's End and Target.

Ways you may purchase field trip shirts and school t-shirts with the school logo:

1. SE Uniforms: Bulk order at orientation. Navy blue polo shirts with logo- \$15. Friday school t-shirts- \$10. (You will also be able to purchase hats for outdoor use and car magnets).
2. Williams and Williams (1145 East Main Street, Lakeland, Florida 33811): Bring them a uniform polo shirt (for field trips) purchased at any retailer that sells school uniforms and they will add the logo to your shirt for \$7.50 plus tax.
3. Land's End: Order a navy blue uniform polo shirt with the school logo online at www.landsend.com (prices will vary with occasional sales). Magnolia Montessori Academy's preferred school # is **900157819**.

**Please allow time for vendors to add the school logo*

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS

- Inspires a spirit of unity between classmates
- Creates equality across economic classes, reduces snobbery and peer pressure related to personal wardrobe
- Reduces morning battles between parents and children over 'what to wear'
- Makes it easier for school officials, parents and volunteers to identify school children (especially on field trips)
- Encourages children to express their creativity in other ways
- Reduces distraction and wardrobe-related envy
- Reduces materialistic and commercial messages within the classroom by eliminating t-shirts advertising cartoon characters, products and brand-name clothing

School Uniform Recycling Program / Fundraiser

In keeping with the Montessori value of recycling, we encourage parents to 'pass on' outgrown uniforms to the school as a fundraiser. If you have uniforms you want to pass along or are looking for some to be recycled in your direction, please come to the school. You can purchase used items for only \$5, and donate items for free! 😊

- If a family is in need of financial aid, Magnolia Montessori Academy will provide two uniform

bottoms and two uniform tops for each child. Financial need is based upon qualifying for free lunch using the Polk County School Board Household Application for Free and Reduced Priced Meals. Please see the front office to obtain an application.

- Parents new to the school after the school year begins will be given two weeks to obtain uniform items.