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Midland Classical Academy

2020-21 Dress Code Policy Reminder

Parents & Students,

Midland Classical Academy was founded on many stated and unstated principles. The most prominent of these is the belief that discipline begins at home and MCA is only a partner, not a substitute, for raising and educating students. MCA strives to act on the principles of freedom, personal responsibility and protecting the innocent. Trends within popular fashion have always challenged these principles, bringing a desire to enact more policies or "dress codes" to squash the wearing of undesirable items. While a new policy seems simple to implement, we believe this eliminates a great opportunity for growth in our students.

MCA's policy is stated simply as:

Midland Classical Academy is a workplace for students as well as for tutors. Students should dress in such a way as to demonstrate their respect for the school, their fellow students, the tutors, and the staff.

If staff determines there is a violation of the dress code, students will be asked to rectify their appearance as quickly as possible. Cheerful, consistent compliance is expected; grumbling and challenging attitudes will be subject to disciplinary action.

We believe that how we dress is not ultimately about the clothes we wear but the condition of our hearts. How we dress shows others who we worship. In turn, it can affect how we act, how we communicate, and how we relate to others. These actions and abilities are distinctly sought after in providing respect within MCA classrooms and school culture. We operate under a unique structure designed to cultivate the academic and spiritual growth of all students, motivated by a love of God and our fellow students.

We are thankful for the many parents and families who encourage this development of spiritual character in their students. We are asking parents, as the primary authority in student's lives, to have a conversation regarding these ideas surrounding dress as we start the school year.

Thank you,

MCA Staff