



**M O L A L L A**  
**R I V E R A C A D E M Y**

### **Uniform Policy** *2023-2024*

A core value of MRA is fostering a sense of community. We believe our school uniform supports our sense of community. Students can feel a sense of pride while wearing their MRA uniform and know that they belong to a group of caring students and staff. On May 23, 2022 the MRA Board of Directors adopted a uniform policy requiring that all tops have the MRA logo and that they be purchased through the school.

Students are expected to arrive each day dressed in their uniform. Any exceptions to the MRA uniform requirements will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director for specific events, dates or activities.

Students arriving at school inappropriately dressed will receive a referral and will be asked to change their clothing, either by putting on clothing they have available or that's available in our uniform closet, or having a parent come and exchange what they are wearing. If an item is loaned to a student, it should be washed and returned to the school. **If, after three times, an item is not returned, a charge will be added to your student account.**

Uniform tops are available, at cost, through the [MRA online store](#).

**Please label all articles of clothing with your child's name.**

#### **The MRA Uniform:**

- Tops: Red, Navy, or White polo, t-shirt, long-sleeve shirt/sweatshirt with MRA logo (adopted 2022)
- Bottoms may be purchased anywhere but must meet guidelines below
  - **Bottoms:** Pants, shorts, or skirts in solid black, navy or khaki
  - Leggings may only be worn under shorts/skirts and must be solid black, navy or white.
  - No athletic pants (yoga pants/sweatpants), jeans, or clothing with holes/rips
  - Skirts and shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer
- An optional MRA jacket is available for purchase through the school store

### **Additional Dress Code Rules**

- Stocking hats worn outside are allowed; no other hats, including baseball caps; during Spirit Week, hats that are part of the costume may be worn outside (i.e. cowboy hat on western day)
- No “animal ears” unless part of a costume during Halloween or Spirit Week
- Shoes: Please wear safe shoes, no hee-lies or high heels. **All students must have appropriate tennis shoes for PE days.**
- Rubber boots are required for outdoor learning
- Outerwear: Any jacket is acceptable, as long as it complies with the general guidelines in the first paragraph above. Jackets, sweatshirts or sweaters that do not have an MRA logo will not be allowed to be worn in the classroom.
- Accessories: Included but not limited to headwear, scarves, jewelry and other accessories are permitted unless it is deemed as a distraction by the staff

### **Free Dress Fridays**

MRA has extended to students the option of dress up on Fridays. The expectation on these days is that students who choose not to wear their uniform wear clothing that is neat, clean and in good repair and good taste. Clothing that is explicit, revealing, distracting or offensive to others may not be worn. This includes clothes that do not completely cover all undergarments and midriff, baggy pants, and high heels or hee-lies. Shorts on all students must be appropriate in length, mid-thigh is a generally acceptable guideline. All clothing must be clean, appropriately tailored, and without holes and rips. T-shirts and sweatshirts with slogans or logos are acceptable as long as they do not contain obscenities, vulgarity, or advertisements for products such as alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs. Children who come to school in clothing that does not meet these standards will be given a uniform referral and will be asked to change. The Executive Director will be the final arbiter of student dress. Pajamas and sweatpants are not allowed on free dress days.

### **Special Events**

When attending special events at the school or representing the school on fieldtrips, etc., students are expected to dress to fit the event. For example:

- Boys are expected to wear nice, well-fitted slacks and a dress or polo shirt. We prefer students to refrain from wearing t-shirts and sweatshirts on event days.
- Girls are expected to wear nice, well-fitted slacks or a dress or skirt/skort, and a nice shirt. We prefer students to refrain from wearing t-shirts and sweatshirts on event days.

Students are expected to wear dress up clothes for all performance events such as the Spring Program. Jeans, t-shirts, and sweatshirts will not be allowed. All attire should be well fitted and free of rips or tears.

Parents and students will be informed of the appropriate dress code prior to a field trip or event. Students who do not adhere to this dress code will not be allowed to participate in the event.