

Student Handbook Section: Dress Code and Personal Appearance

2023-2024 Machebeuf Uniform

The purpose of Machebeuf's uniform policy is to foster an environment of unity and mutual respect on campus, to teach students a sense of professionalism, and to visibly represent to the larger community the specific Catholic identity of Bishop Machebeuf High School. Students are required to wear a uniform to school every day. When an exception is made for selected school activities, a dress code will be specified and shared with the school community. It is the students' responsibility to verify the dress code before the school activity. Uniforms may be purchased from the Land's End Machebeuf website or School Store. Some elements not specific to Bishop Machebeuf (khaki pants, white button downs dress shirts, etc) may be purchased elsewhere.

Students are required to wear the uniform from 8:00 am until they are dismissed from school. Students who stay for detention, academic assistance, or tutoring are required to stay in uniform until they have been dismissed.

Machebeuf Uniform:

Boys

- Machebeuf uniform khaki chino-style pants from Land's End, or chinos/dress pants in a similar shade and fashion (Denim material or material that appears like denim is not allowed)
- Machebeuf uniform khaki chino-style shorts from Land's End, or khaki shorts in a similar shade and fashion (Denim material or material that appears like denim is not allowed)
 - Shorts must be worn to the knee.
- Machebeuf uniform green polo with official Machebeuf Logo
 - Shirts must be tucked in.
 - Polos must be purchased through the school store or Land's End.
- Plain Belt
- Plain socks
- Students may wear long sleeve shirts under their polo so long as they are the following solid colors: black, white, gray, or Machebeuf green.

Girls:

- Machebeuf uniform khaki chino-style pants from Land's End, or khaki-colored chino-style pants in a similar shade and fashion (Denim material or material that appears like denim is not allowed)
- Machebeuf uniform skirt (Available through Land's End or the School Store)
 - Skirts must not be altered or rolled.
 - Skirts must be worn to the knee.
 - Solid colored leggings or tights (black, white, gray, or Machebeuf green) may be worn under the skirt.

- This is the last year that Dennis skirts will be allowed.
- Machebeuf uniform green polo with official Machebeuf Logo
 - Polos must be purchased through the school store or Land's End.
- Plain socks
- Students may wear long sleeve shirts under their polo so long as they are the following solid colors: black, white, gray, or Machebeuf green.

Shoes:

- Dress, casual, or athletic shoes that are flat, closed-toed and closed-heeled may be worn.
 - Students may not wear sandals, crocs, or high heels.

Uniform Outerwear:

- Land's End Machebeuf cardigan
- Land's End Machebeuf fleece
- Approved Machebeuf outerwear: black or green, with official Machebeuf, approved for sports teams or for general use by BMHS administration. (As of August 15th 2022)

Formal (Mass) Uniform:

Boys:

- Men's white button-up dress shirt from Land's End or a white button-up shirt consistent with the fit of shirts from Land's End.
- Machebeuf uniform khaki pants
- Shirts and pants should be properly fitted, neat, and clean.
- Machebeuf uniform tie
- Plain Belt
- Machebeuf uniform cardigan (optional)
 - Note: This is the only outerwear allowed on Mass days.

Girls:

- Women's white button-up dress shirt from Land's End or a white button-up shirt consistent with the fit of shirts from Land's End.
- Shirts and skirts should be properly fitted, neat, and clean.
- Machebeuf uniform skirt
- Machebeuf uniform cardigan (optional)
 - Note: This is the only outerwear allowed on Mass days.

On Mass days, all students must wear their Mass uniform all day.

General School Dress Code Guidelines:

Articles of clothing not allowed within the uniform:

- Jeggings, joggers, denim jeans, leggings, sweatpants, and other "yoga" type pants

- Cargo shorts or pants and all athletic-type shorts
- Pants or Polos that are not the same color or fit as the uniform
- Hoodies and crew-necks
- All unofficial or unapproved Machebeuf outerwear

Accessories:

- No accessories may be added to any uniform clothing; this includes patches, pins, artwork, jewelry or any item that alters, detracts, or hides uniform clothing.
- Hats, scarves, wallet chains, dog collars, and spikes are prohibited.
- Tattoos and other forms of body art may not be visible.

Hair:

- Students must be well-groomed. Boys hairstyles must be clean, neat and trim (collar-length).
- Hair color shall be of a natural hue.
- Extreme hair styles are not allowed. Examples include but are not limited to man-buns, mullets, mohawks, etc.
- Boys must be clean shaven and are not permitted facial hair.

Jewelry:

- All jewelry should be minimal and not distracting.
- Girls are allowed only ear piercings; no other piercings (nose, eyebrows, etc...) are allowed.
- Boys are not allowed to wear piercings of any kind.
- Students with pre-existing piercings that are not allowed in this dress code may wear discrete transparent spacers at school.

Fingernails:

- Girls' nail length should allow for the completion of all academic and extracurricular pursuits; nail polish colors should be muted and not distracting.
- Boy's nails should be trimmed and well groomed; no colored polish or adornment is allowed.

Makeup:

- Girls are allowed to wear makeup that is muted and not distracting.
- Boys are not allowed to wear makeup.

Alternate Days

Spirit Days:

Spirit Days exist to help foster a spirit of community among the student body without damaging the mental discipline and sense of order required for students to excel in their studies. During spirit days, students have the option of dressing according to the theme presented by the student government or wearing their uniform. Students who opt to dress according to the theme of the spirit day should not use the opportunity to exploit what they perceive as loopholes in the dress

code guidelines. In doing this, they risk losing the privilege of Spirit Days for themselves and possibly for the school.

Half-Day Spirit Days

- Every half-day will be a Machebeuf Spirit Day. Students may wear any Machebeuf shirt, non-hoodie sweatshirt, jacket, or jersey. Hoodies are not allowed.
- Students should still adhere to dress code policy concerning pants, skirts, and footwear.

Permitted Spirit Day Attire: spirit weeks, earned spirit days, etc...

- Only dress, casual, or athletic shoes that are flat, closed-toed and closed-heeled may be worn.
 - Students may not wear sandals, crocs, or high heels.
- Jeans without tears, rips, or holes. Students may also wear uniform pants or shorts. All other pants or shorts are not permitted unless they are explicitly stated in the stipulations of the spirit day.
- Spirit Day themed t-shirts or outerwear (agreed upon by student government and administration)
- According to the Spirit Day, attire that clearly suits the theme and guidelines announced for the Spirit Day.
- All clothing must be modest and decent.
- Students not dressing according to the theme or specifications of the Spirit Day must wear their school uniform.

Final Exam Days:

During final exam times, all students must wear their school uniform until they are dismissed from school.

Game Days and Performance Days:

In order to encourage school wide awareness and participation in Bishop Machebeuf extracurricular events, participating students may either dress up or wear athletic gear during a game day. The purpose is to help build school spirit around Machebeuf sports and other school events, and to help students, families, faculty and staff remember when there are opportunities to show their support of Bishop Machebeuf.

In order to obtain these privileges, group leaders must ask permission at least one day in advance from the Dean of Students or the Principal. These privileges must be requested for each individual event.

When a game occurs during a designated all-school Mass day, all students must wear the Mass uniform.

Team wear:

- On game days, players may be allowed to wear their jerseys or team shirts
- Students must wear their uniform pants or skirts.
- If players fail to follow these guidelines, the privilege may be lost.

Formal wear (similar or more formal than the Mass Uniform):

- On game days, teams may choose to dress formally for the day
- Students must dress in appropriate business formal attire.
- Boys should wear slacks with a belt, a button-up shirt, and a tie.
- Girls skirts and dresses must adhere to the following standards:
 - Dresses and skirts must at least extend to the knees on all sides.
 - Cut outs and two-piece dresses are not allowed.
 - Necklines must be cut so that no cleavage is shown. No plunging V-necks. No backless cuts. No exposed midriff or cut out. Mesh covering these areas does not suffice.
 - If the dress or skirt has a slit, the cut can go no higher than the knee.
 - Shoulders must be covered.
- Informal wear such as jeans, joggers, sweatpants and hoodies may not be worn on these days.
- Shoes must be formal. Girls may not wear high heels.