

Dress Code

One of the stated purposes in the MPE Graduation Ceremony Purpose Statement is: “Special care is to be given in the design of the ceremony *to avoid any self-centered and inappropriate focus upon any individual graduate or parent* by way of disrespectful attire...” In keeping with this policy, the MPE Board has established the following dress code guidelines for the rehearsal and ceremony.

- Young Men Graduation Rehearsal. Shirt with collar, shoes. No shorts, T-shirts, shirts with a logo on. Jeans or slacks allowed; no holes or tears. No body piercing displays or body modifications of any kind, including earrings/expanders. Hair neat and natural color.
- Young Men Graduation Ceremony. The same guidelines as rehearsal for body piercings/modifications and hair except as follows: Dress pants, dress shirt with collar and tie, dress shoes required. No denim.
- Young Ladies Graduation Rehearsal. Jeans or slacks allowed; no holes or tears. No shorts. Any dresses or skirts are required at least knee-length or longer. No slits above the knee. No t-shirts, shirts with a logo on. No strapless, spaghetti-strap, halter-top or see-through, no low-cut backs on blouses or dresses. No cleavage or exposed midriff (including when arms are raised or bending over). No undergarments exposed. No body piercing displays or body modification other than pierced ears (no expanders). Hair neat and natural color.
- Young Ladies Graduation Ceremony. Dress, skirt, dress slacks, or dress jumper is required. No denim; no shorts. All Rehearsal garment length and modesty standards are required. Also, the same guidelines as Rehearsal for body piercings/body modification and hair.

If a prospective graduate does not wish to abide by the MPE Graduation Dress Code, they are welcome to not participate. The ceremony is a privilege, not a requirement or a right.