



Mana Academy Charter School

Halloween Day Policy 2025

As part of our Halloween celebration at Mana Academy, our Mana Scholars are invited to dress up in costumes. Participation is optional. Students who choose not to wear a costume should come in their regular school uniform. (If Halloween falls on a Friday, students not in costume would follow Friday dress code) The academic schedule will proceed as usual, with a classroom celebration at the end of the day. Students whose parents choose not to have them participate in Halloween activities will be provided with an alternative activity or assignment during that time.

Costume Guidelines

To ensure a fun, safe, and respectful environment, families are asked to follow these guidelines when selecting costumes:

Respectful Costumes: We encourage costumes that celebrate creativity, kindness, and fun, not stereotypes or mockery of any culture or group. Costumes must not demean any ethnic group, race, religion, nationality, disability, gender, or individual within the school community. Costumes representing cultural or ethnic stereotypes (e.g., Native American, Geisha, Hula dancer, etc.) are not permitted.

Appropriate Attire: Costumes must be appropriate for a school setting and follow the school's dress code standards for coverage and appropriateness. Revealing costumes, pajamas, bathing suits, or any outfit that may cause a distraction to the learning environment are not allowed.

No Weapons or Dangerous Props: Students are not allowed to bring weapons, toy weapons, or props to replicate weapons. Any prop or item that poses a safety risk or could cause injury is prohibited.

No Full Face Masks or Concealing Costumes: Masks that cover the full face or obscure identity are not allowed. Students should be easily recognizable and able to move safely. Costumes must allow students to move safely and without obstruction.

Footwear: Students should wear appropriate and safe footwear with their costumes. High heels, roller shoes, slippers, or any footwear that may cause tripping or injury should not be worn.

Face Paint or Makeup: Light face paint or small designs are fine, but anything that covers most of the face or drips, flakes, or transfers to others' clothing should be avoided. Makeup that may stain school property or other students' clothing should also be avoided.



No Glitter, Confetti, or Unsafe Accessories: Glitter, confetti, or small decorative pieces can cause classroom messes and safety issues, so please leave those at home. Large accessories, inflatable components, or items that may block hallways or interfere with class activities are also prohibited.

No Obscene or Inappropriate Content: Costumes must not display offensive images, language, or promote prohibited substances such as drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

If Unsure, Don't Wear It: If you're uncertain whether a costume or accessory is appropriate, please choose something else. When in doubt, reach out to the front desk for clarification.

Please remember that Halloween is a regular school day — all academic instruction will continue as scheduled, and costumes should not interfere with learning or classroom participation.

Enforcement

If a costume doesn't meet the guidelines:

- 1) The student may be asked to remove or adjust the part of the costume that isn't appropriate.
- 2) If a quick fix isn't possible, parents will be contacted to bring an alternative outfit or pick up their child.
- 3) These steps help us keep the day safe and comfortable for everyone.

Teachers will review costume expectations with students before Halloween to ensure they understand the school policy.