



MOUNTAIN VIEW ALTERNATIVE
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**Mountain View
Alternative
High School
STUDENT HANDBOOK
2022-2023**

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LAKELAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the Board of Trustees are elected for a four-year term by the patrons of their respective zones. Board members receive no payment for their services. School district policies are set by the Board, which in turn hires professional educators to carry out these policies. Regular business meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6 p.m. Opportunity is provided at each meeting for citizens to address the Board. Board policies can be found [here](#).

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MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mountain View High School is to create a safe and nurturing environment, encouraging students to develop an enthusiasm for life-long learning and to pursue post-high school opportunities.

Mountain View High School, in partnership with the community, will expect that each graduate develop self-efficacy through growth in the following attributes:

1. Be a self-directed, lifelong learner
2. Have a high standard of values and work ethic
3. Be technologically literate
4. Be able to use knowledge, information, technology, critical thinking and reasoning ability to solve problems
5. Be an effective communicator in a variety of settings
6. Be able to work cooperatively with others using well developed interpersonal skills

7. Be an effective and responsible employee or employer
8. Understand, appreciate, and benefit from cultural diversity
9. Maintain personal, emotional and physical health

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible to be certain that they have met all Idaho and Lakeland Joint School District No. 272 graduation requirements. Counselors are available to help advise students in meeting these standards.

For specific graduation requirements, talk to your counselor and ask for a Mountain View High School Curriculum Guide.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In light of Mountain View School's philosophy and objectives, the Lakeland Joint School District's Code of Conduct shall be fair, consistent, nondiscriminatory, and protective of student rights and responsibilities. The code will be distributed to students and parents through each building's student handbook, which may be set forth in synopsis form.

In order to meet the varied needs of elementary and secondary schools within the Lakeland Joint School District No. 272, the Board of Trustees recognizes the need for individual schools and teachers to formulate and enforce additional rules and regulations that will supplement the Board's policies. School and classroom disciplinary rules shall have the force of policy when appropriately applied.

While on school property or under the supervision of school authorities, students shall be subject to the direction of school officials and shall at all times be subject to the rules, regulations, and policies of the district, along with the rules of individual schools and classrooms. Student handbooks may contain a synopsis of school district rules, regulations, and policies. Such policies, verbatim, have been reduced to writing and made available at the building principal's office and the district administration office for review by students and/or parents.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSEMBLY

Student's rights and responsibilities shall be based on the following assumptions:

- That the right to attend school is purposeful.
- Students are free to exercise their constitutionally protected rights but shall not infringe upon the rights of others.
- Fair treatment and due process, where appropriate, shall be guaranteed to all students.
- Students shall be encouraged to exercise their rights and responsibilities by being an active member of our school.
- Students shall have the right to equality of educational opportunity regardless of race, creed, or sex.
- The effective development of a climate for learning requires understanding and good faith on the part of all concerned.

The Board of Trustees and the school administration believe that genuine student involvement in educational programs requires responsible student action. Students shall be expected to act with respect for school regulations, concerns for others, and personal dignity. Students are encouraged to express their beliefs and feelings, but not in a manner that is disruptive or degrading to others.

PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS

A student's right to fair treatment and due process shall be safeguarded through a consistently applied practice of informing the student of any alleged rule violation and the evidence against him/her (notice), and by allowing the student an opportunity to explain his or her version of the facts (hearing) before deciding on or imposing any punishment.

Upon request, the hearing process may be extended to a "higher authority". The normal channel for hearing complaints or concerns regarding student discipline shall be from Student to Teacher to Principal to Superintendent to School Board. Neither the board as a whole nor any individual member will entertain or consider communications or complaints from students or parents until they have first been referred to the building principal or Superintendent of Schools.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

In order to maintain discipline and safety for all students or when there is reason to believe that a student may be engaged in an illegal activity, school officials may search a student's person, or any and all areas under his/her immediate control on the school grounds. School lockers, books, equipment, or other items belonging to the school shall be considered on loan to a student and school officials shall have the right to inspect such items at any time. Any dangerous items or illegal material found in the possession of or subject to the immediate control of a student may be confiscated. Other appropriate disciplinary measures may also follow including referral to appropriate law enforcement officials.

Physical Restraint

As a part of the emergency procedures in place in our schools, any student who poses an imminent risk of injury to him/herself or others may be physically restrained and/or placed in seclusion by school staff in accordance with School Board policies. These could occur along with other emergency actions such as calling the police. As soon as possible after any such incident the parents or guardian will be informed when any of these actions have occurred.

STUDENT RECORDS

Policy: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, P.L. 93-38, Section 513.

Lakeland School District No. 272 will maintain records on all students enrolled in its schools. The principal of each building is responsible to see that such records are kept current and safeguarded against misuse. The term "Record" is interpreted to mean identifying data, academic work completed, level of achievement, attendance data, test scores, family background information, and other pertinent data.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Any pupil who shall cut, deface, or otherwise damage any school building or equipment, or who shall be guilty of theft of school district property, shall be liable for disciplinary action, and his/her parents/guardians shall be liable for damages in the amount of the injury or theft to be collected by a school district official for the Board of Trustees. School pranks are strongly discouraged. Students involved in pranks may result in disciplinary measures if any property is damaged, compromised, or defaced. Students involved in pranks that result in loss of educational time and require additional time for district employees to clean or repair property will be required to pay for loss compensation.

INITIATIONS

Initiation and/or hazing of students are strictly prohibited.

TEACHERS' AUTHORITY

Pupils are required to comply with the regulations of the school, pursue the prescribed course of study, and submit to the teachers' authority. Willful disobedience, open defiance of the teachers' authority, or the use of profane or obscene language are sufficient cause for appropriate disciplinary action.

All students, while on the premises of any school, riding any form of school transportation, or attending any school-sponsored activity, shall be responsible to and under the authority of any employee of the school district, and shall immediately respond to any reasonable request of said employee.

UNUSUAL DISCIPLINARY MATTERS (DANGEROUS ITEMS)

Guns, ammunition, knives, fireworks and other dangerous items are not to be brought onto school property, onto a school bus or to any school-sponsored activity by students. Teachers and principals are authorized to confiscate such items immediately. Pursuant to Idaho Code 18-33012, appropriate disciplinary action may include suspension from school, reporting to legal authorities for prosecution as a misdemeanor, and/or expulsion from school.

Employees of the Lakeland Joint School District No. 272, under supervision of administration, shall be deemed to have the right to search all students or minors, their belongings, and lockers, who are reasonably believed to be in violation of this policy.

Any student who brings a firearm onto school property, or is in possession of a firearm on school property, shall be subject to expulsion from school for a period of not less than one year from the date of initial suspension for such violation.

The district will not admit a student who has been expelled from another school or district for bringing a firearm or other dangerous item onto school property until that student has completed the expulsion period of not less than one year. The period of expulsion shall be confirmed in writing by the school district initially expelling the student.

A student who wishes to challenge a decision not to admit may request an appeal hearing before the Board of Trustees.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Suspension

Suspension is the temporary removal of a student from school when circumstances are such that he/she can no longer be kept in school without risk or detriment to the educational program or to himself/herself. The primary purpose of suspension is to give the student, his/her parents, and the school the time needed for resolving a problem. The parents must be notified of each suspension; contact with the parent should be made before the student leaves during school hours.

Suspension shall be for a maximum of five (5) days.

When a student refuses or fails to submit to reasonable and ordinary rules of order and discipline in such a way that his/her continued attendance may be expected to interfere with the educational program or the safety or welfare of school personnel or other students, such student may be suspended for up to five (5) days according to suspension procedures.

Expulsion

Expulsion is the removal of a student from attendance in the district by the Board of Trustees.

ALCOHOL and DRUGS

Because the district believes that the use of drugs and alcohol is both illegal and harmful, students are prohibited from drinking, being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or being in the possession of, delivery of, or under the influence of drugs as herein defined, or other intoxicants on school property or while under the supervision of school authorities. "Drug" means (1) substances recognized as drugs in the official United States, or official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of them ; (2) substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man or animals; (3) substances (other than food) intended to affect the structure of any function of the body of man or animals; and (4) substances intended for use as a component of any article specified in clause (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection. It does not include devices or their components, parts, or accessories. (However, possession of drug paraphernalia may be cause for disciplinary action.) A drug shall also include a counterfeit or pseudo drug which shall be defined as any substance which, or the contained or labeling of which, without authorization, bears a likeness and is intended by its possessor or deliverer or recipient to represent a drug whether or not the substance is actually a drug as herein above defined.

Students who violate the drug and alcohol policy may be subject to the following disciplinary actions for the duration of the entire students' attendance of K-12 grades at Lakeland School District:

First Offense: Out-of-school suspension of up to five (5) days with a parent conference.

Second Offense: Suspension and referral to the Superintendent for a show cause hearing of whether the student should be referred to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation for expulsion.

However, any student who knowingly sells, delivers or otherwise provides drugs, as herein defined, or other intoxicants to another student at school, or while under the supervision of school authorities, shall be immediately suspended and referred to the Superintendent for a show cause hearing of whether the student should be referred to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation for expulsion.

In all substance abuse cases, the appropriate law enforcement officials may be notified.

TOBACCO

Students are prohibited from using tobacco or being in the possession of tobacco products on the school grounds or while under the supervision of school authorities. Violations of this policy may be punishable by (1) The first offense shall result in a one (1) day in-school suspension; (2) The second offense shall result in a three (3) day in-school suspension with a parent conference; and (3) The third offense shall result in the student being suspended and referred to the Superintendent for a show cause hearing of whether the student should be referred to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation for expulsion. Because possession of tobacco by a minor is in violation of Idaho State law, police contact may occur when a student is in possession of tobacco. (Note: "e-cigarettes are treated as tobacco products and carry the same discipline as tobacco products.)

This is in effect for the duration of the entire students' attendance of K-12 grades at Lakeland School District.

HARASSMENT/HAZING/BULLYING

Mountain View High School is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, cyber bullying, or bullying by students or third parties is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated. This includes actions on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, at school sponsored events and activities, and through the use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists and actions at locations outside of those listed above that can be reasonably expected to materially and substantially interfere with or disrupt the educational environment of the school or impinge on the rights of other students at school. Mountain View High School expects all students to treat each other with civility and respect and not to engage in behavior that is harmful to another student or the property of another student. We expect students to conduct themselves in keeping with their level of maturity, with a proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, for school personnel, and for the educational purpose underlying all school activities.

Discipline: Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline and graduated consequences, up to and including expulsion consistent with the Board's policy on student discipline. Third parties whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the Superintendent or Board. Students or third parties may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

"Hazing" includes, but is not limited to, any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health, or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any District- sponsored activity or grade level attainment, such as forced consumption of any drink, alcoholic beverage, drug, or controlled substance, forced exposure to the elements, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact, sleep deprivation or any other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental or physical health or safety of a student; requires, encourages, authorizes, or permits another to be subject to wearing or carrying any obscene or physically burdensome article, assignment of pranks to be performed or other such activities intended to degrade or humiliate.

"Harassment" includes, but is not limited to, any act which subjects an individual or group to unwanted, abusive behavior of a nonverbal, verbal, written, electronic, or physical nature on the basis of an actual or perceived characteristic, including but not limited to age, race, religion, color, national origin, disability, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical characteristic, cultural background, socioeconomic status, geographic location, familial status, or weight.

"Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means any act that substantially interferes with or disrupts the educational environment or impinges on the rights of other students at school, a student's opportunities or performance, that takes place on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, school property, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation or at any official school bus stop, and that has the effect of:

- A. Harming a student or damaging a student's property;
- B. Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student or damage to the student's property; or
- C. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive so that it creates an intimidating, threatening, abusive, or hostile educational environment.

"Cyber bullying" includes, but is not limited to the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings, including blogs through the District's computer network and the internet, whether accessed on campus or off campus, during or after school hours or through any private electronic device done when the student is present at school. In the situation that cyber bullying originated from a non-school computer, but has been brought to the attention of school officials, any disciplinary actions shall be based on whether the conduct is determined to be reasonably expected to materially and substantially interfere with or disrupt educational environment of the school or impinge on the rights of other students at school and/or in violation of District policy or state law. The Administration shall, at their discretion, contact local law enforcement.

"Intimidation" includes, but is not limited to, any threat or act intended to tamper, substantially damage or interfere with another's property, cause substantial inconvenience, subject another to offensive physical contact or inflict serious physical injury on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender identity and expression, or sexual orientation.

"Third parties" include, but are not limited to, coaches, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors or others engaged in District business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the District and others not directly subject to District control at inter-district and intra-district athletic competitions or other school events.

"District" includes District facilities, District property, buses, electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on District computers, networks, or forums and non- District property if the student or employee is at any District-sponsored, District-approved or District-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the control of the District or where the employee is engaged in District business.

SCHOOL IS A PUBLIC PLACE

Respect for the feelings, property and the welfare of others is important. Improper attire, public displays of affection, any form of harassment or intimidation, inappropriate language, vandalism, theft, litter, etc. promote a negative school environment and will not be tolerated.

Improper Attire – Dress that is inappropriate for school. Refer to Dress Code.

Public Displays of Affection – Students should refrain from kissing and embracing while on school grounds. Public displays of affection are not allowed.

Inappropriate Conduct - Horseplay, gang activity, dangerous items, etc., will not be allowed.

Littering - Students should not litter on school grounds.

Leave it at Home –Cell Phones, large amounts of cash, skateboards, expensive jewelry, personal belongings, sprays (for protection), and other disrupting items or objects of theft.

CARS and HALL LOCKERS SHOULD BE LOCKED FOR YOUR PROTECTION FROM THEFT!

DRESS

Lakeland Joint School District No. 272 reserves the right to insist that the dress and grooming of pupils are within the limits of generally accepted good taste for the activity in which the student is engaged.

Pupils shall be required to show proper attention to personal cleanliness, neatness, and reasonable standards of dress and appearance.

Student dress, personal appearance, and conduct are required to be of such character as not to disrupt or distract from the educational environment of the school or tend to diminish instructional effectiveness or the disciplinary control by the teachers.

We discourage extremes or instances where a student may call attention to himself/herself by unusual or extreme dress or grooming.

Exceptions to this standard of dress are permissible when approved by special announcement from principals for a particular dance or activity.

Tank tops are allowed. Bras or undergarments are not to be seen under any circumstances. Bare midriff and see-through apparel are not to be worn. Shirts should cover the stomach area at all times (bending over or raising hands). Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least fingertip length. All pants and slacks must be worn at the waist with no visible undergarments. Hat and sunglasses are not to be worn when you enter the building or prior to school dismissal. All students are welcome to wear sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts around the school. Blankets or pajamas are not permitted in the building. Shoes must be worn at all times. No house slippers or shoes with cleats may be worn. Clothing that is suggestive, has double meaning or innuendo, or suggest inappropriate ideas is unacceptable.

ATTENDANCE

The Lakeland Board of Trustees recognizes that time on task is highly important to the education of the students and that regular attendance in class is very important to a student's success in learning that subject. Furthermore, encouraging good attendance is an integral part of developing a strong work ethic necessary for success in the employment world.

Lakeland schools will implement and administer attendance policies in accordance with rules set forth by the Idaho Statute and Lakeland Board Policy.

Each school shall keep accurate attendance records. Credit could be withheld from any student in a subject when the student was not in attendance for at least 90% of the time that subject was being taught per quarter.

ATTENDANCE (Definitions)

Absences – Missing class for any reason including family convenience. For absences unrelated to school activities a parent/guardian with an explanation of the absence shall verify a student's absence. Contact from the parent/guardian to the school should be made by note, telephone, or in person within three school days of the student's return to school or such absences may be considered truant and processed accordingly. School work may be made up for credit either before or after any absence..

Prearranged Excuse - If students expect to be absent, they must prearrange such absence(s) in order to coordinate school assignments with teachers. The parents must send a note to the office requesting a prearranged excuse at least one day prior to the absence(s) in order for the prearranged excuse to be granted.

Late to School - A student who is late to class with no note from a parent is tardy/absent. Students are encouraged to bring a note from a parent/guardian stating the reason for the student's tardiness; however, upon the student's third late arrival, the student will receive disciplinary action. See Tardies.

Suspensions – Absence due to in school or out of school suspension assigned by a school authority for disciplinary reasons. Students will be provided the opportunity to make up work missed during a suspension.

Truancy – An absence that occurs without the knowledge and consent of the parents and concurrence of school authorities. Work missed during a truancy and any subsequent suspension may not be made up for credit. The Superintendent shall be notified. Additional truantries could result in expulsion by the Board of Trustees. Any parent or guardian of a public school pupil who is found to have knowingly allowed such pupil to become a habitual truant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Philosophy and Code for Interscholastic Activities

The interscholastic activities program of Lakeland Joint School District is designed to involve students in wholesome, healthy competition; teach respect for rules and authority; teach respect for property and person of others; develop self-discipline through rigorous training; develop sportsmanship through winning and losing in competition; teach the fundamentals of each activity and develop the individual participant to his/her fullest potential; teach democratic values through participation; teach the students the values of participation; teach the student the value of working with others as a team: build physical and mental capacities; and to develop the attributes of cooperation and social adjustments, especially stressing high moral character.

Participation in interscholastic activities programs is a privilege to those students willing to agree to and abide by the rules and guidelines established by the coaches and advisors, the administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Idaho High School Interscholastic Activities Association.

To implement and teach the philosophy, the following rules are established for participants to observe and follow. The student shall:

1. Attend classes regularly, strive for academic achievement, and set positive examples in the school and community with his/her personal conduct.
2. Attend school the entire day before practicing or competing interscholastically unless special permission for an absence has been granted in advance by the principal. Students will not be released from class to attend an activity if they are failing or in danger of failing the class.
3. Conform with the instructions, guidelines and training rules established by the coach or advisor with reference to but not limited to the practice schedule, equipment use, physical conditioning and practice activities.
4. Not use profanity or obscene language.
5. Maintain standards of dress set by the school and the coach or advisor.
6. Not be involved in the willful destruction and/or theft of school or personal property.
7. Maintain standards of scholastic eligibility established by IHSAA and/or the school.
8. Not use or possess illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco during the school year as outlined in "A" under definitions or be knowingly present while such activity is taking place.

DISCIPLINE:

Violations of rules 1 through 7 or conduct that brings discredit to the participant, the school, or the community, could result in temporary or permanent suspension from the activity with a subsequent loss of award. Such determination shall be made by the coach and/or administration. A violation of rule 8 shall result in a ten (10) school day suspension from team competitions (will be allowed to practice) and required to complete at state approved substance abuse education and awareness course. Student will be required to participate in substance testing for the remainder of the season and any subsequent seasons in which they participate that year.

Second offense; student will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season and be required to complete an in-person substance abuse education and awareness course (see definition d). Student will be required to participate in substance testing for any subsequent seasons in which they participate that year.

Third offense; student will be removed from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year.

A student who voluntarily discusses his/her substance abuse problem with a coach, counselor, or administrator, and agrees to participate in an approved substance abuse assessment and treatment program shall not be subject to suspension if a violation has not been otherwise reported.

DEFINITIONS:

- a. Illegal Drugs - as defined in Board Policy, Article VI, Section F.
- b. School Day - Shall be any day within the adopted school year calendar plus any days prior to the opening of the school year which are allowed for interscholastic activities under IHSAA rules
- c. Suspension - The student shall be allowed to participate in practices or contests during suspension time after the first offense. The student shall not be allowed to participate in practices or contests after the second or third offense as outlined above.
- d. Approved Substance Abuse Program - The program must involve an intake or assessment procedure followed by appropriately prescribed treatment. This may vary from "awareness education" to "addiction treatment". The family and school personnel should be involved in the assessment, and treatment if prescribed. The student and his parent or guardian shall be responsible for all costs and arrangements for the program. Students choosing this option shall, with a parent or guardian, sign a contract. Failure to fulfill the contract and complete the program shall result in suspension from all interscholastic activities for one calendar year from the date of the violation.
- e. Knowingly Present: for the purpose of this policy, "knowingly present" shall mean that a student attended a gathering of two (2) or more individuals (except religious church sponsored or family gatherings) at which one or more of the attendees (other than the student at issue) were using or in possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, drugs, or alcohol or tobacco and the student knew or reasonably should have known that such use or possession was occurring.

COMMITMENT TO THE CODE

Prior to participation in an activity, each student shall have a copy of this "Code" signed and dated by himself/herself and a parent on file in the school office. Failure to comply with this provision shall preclude any participation in any activity until such time as the student and parent/guardian have complied with this section.

ASSOCIATION WITH IHSAA

Upon payment of annual dues, Lakeland Joint School District assumes membership in the Idaho High School Interscholastic Activities Association and thereby recognizes and accepts the constitution, bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Association currently adopted, or thereafter amended (IHSAA "rules"), for the governing of all high school (grades 9-12) interscholastic activities for Lakeland Schools, which IHSAA "rules" are incorporated herein as a part of this Philosophy/Code. Said rules as appropriate for grades 7 and 8 shall by this policy also govern interscholastic activities and student participants in grades seven and eight.

ATHLETIC INSURANCE RELEASE

Lakeland Joint School District No. 272 does not provide medical and/or dental insurance coverage for students involved in extracurricular activities, nor does the Idaho High School Activities Association require a student to have athletic insurance.

Since parents assume financial responsibility for medical and dental expenses for injuries to their children for regular school or extracurricular related accidents, any policy obtained should be checked carefully if you have a child playing football or other activities, as many insurance companies exclude football or other activities.

The school can put you in touch with an inexpensive insurance plan made available through a private company which will cover students during school hours, while traveling to and from school, and while engaged in athletics. Coverage is also available for 24 hours per day and for 12 months if parents desire additional insurance. Forms are available in the school office (Lakeland Joint School District #272 is not an insurance agent).

Again, under most circumstances, Lakeland Joint School District is not liable for injuries to students who are engaging in extracurricular school activities. Parents also assume responsibility for injuries to students injured while traveling to and from all student activities (except injury directly resulting from an accident involving school district operated vehicles).

ATHLETIC INJURY WARNING

I give permission for my child to participate in organized school athletics. I acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, or even death.

Parent/guardian and student signatures at the bottom of this page indicate knowledge and understanding of the Philosophy and Code for Interscholastic Activities, the Eligibility Policy, the Athletic Insurance Release, the Athletic Injury Warning, and IHSAA Rules and Regulations. (Complete IHSAA and District manuals are available in the school office for review upon request).

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MTV offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities and students are encouraged to participate. Students must purchase an ASB card to participate in IHSAA sponsored activities and meet the eligibility requirements as established by the IHSAA, Lakeland Joint School District No. 272, or the individual program.

1. Transportation – No school group or organization may use private cars for transportation. In order to participate in activities students must ride school transportation to out of town events. Students should also plan to return to school in this manner, unless arrangements have been made in advance. No student will be allowed to ride home with anyone other than their own parent. Any special arrangements must be made in writing through the high school administration in advance.
2. School Dances - School dances are intended for the enjoyment of MTV students and their dates. High school students must sign up their dates by 3:00 p.m. on the date of the dance. Anyone who leaves the dance will not be permitted to reenter. All students will be required to be breathalyzed prior to entering the dance and may be breathalyzed prior to leaving the dance as well. If a student tests positive by a breathalyzer, they will not be allowed to attend the dance and parents and law enforcement will be notified. Appropriate school consequences will be enacted as well.
3. Assemblies – These activities provide additional educational experiences and enhance school climate for all students. Students are required to attend all assemblies, unless excused by the office a day in advance.
4. Purchases/Fundraisers – All items purchased for (and to be paid by) school organizations must be approved by the advisor and a purchase order must be issued by the office.

GRADING SYSTEM

Report cards will be issued quarterly and mid-term reports will be sent to all students in danger of failing. The Lakeland Joint School District 272 grading standards will be followed in all classes.

A	90% - 100%
B	80% - 89%
C	70% - 79%
D	60% - 69%
F	Below 60%

STUDENT SCHEDULES & SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Students are given ample time to make class requests in the registration and scheduling process. In some cases, student preferences may not be met due to class availability and balancing of class numbers. Students will remain with the same teachers for core classes throughout the school year whenever factors allow. Students are highly encouraged to communicate with their counselor well in advance of the beginning of the semester if they have a schedule change request regarding an elective. Schedules will be final after the third day of the semester start date.

CHROMEBOOK/TEXTBOOKS/FEEES

Chromebooks/Textbooks are issued to the student as his/her personal responsibility for the year. Each chromebook/textbook is numbered and students will be held liable for damages to books/chromebooks while checked out to them. A Chromebook discounted replacement plan is available to be purchased from the district to cover damages to chromebooks that are checked out to students.

FINES

Fines must be paid by students at the office for loss of, or damage to, school property. Failure to pay these fines will result in holding of the student's report card at the time of his/her withdrawal from school or the diploma being held at the time of graduation.

LOCKERS

The student to whom a locker is assigned is responsible for its condition and contents. It is each student's responsibility to notify the office if a locker is defective. Students should be aware that lockers are the property of the school district and school authorities have the right and obligation to check inside lockers when there is a reason to believe they may contain items which threaten student safety and welfare.

PUPILS MUST LEAVE PREMISES AT CLOSE OF SCHOOL DAY

Pupils shall not loiter in the building or on the school grounds following dismissal of classes unless involved in supervised, school-sponsored activity or with the permission of the principal. The building will be open at 7:25 AM and all students need to be out of the building ten minutes after the last instructional period.

TARDIES

Tardies are recorded in attendance records and on report cards. Excessive tardies (3 or more) in a semester per class period will result in disciplinary action. Students arriving more than 15 minutes late will be assessed a single period absence.

ARRIVING/LEAVING SCHOOL

Anytime a student comes to school after the beginning of the school day, they must check in at the office. Students are not to leave the grounds while school is in session without checking out through the office. Should students need to leave during the school day, their parent/guardian must contact the office to make arrangements. In the case of an emergency or special situation students should see the principal or vice principal. Failure to follow this procedure will result in missed class time being counted as unexcused.

OPEN CAMPUS

Students in grades 9-12 are allowed to leave school during lunchtime. Open campus may be revoked due to students' failure to comply with school policy. Freshmen are not allowed off campus during lunchtime.

FIGHTING

Fighting will result in up to five days suspension and a parental conference. All parties involved should expect disciplinary action.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES / CELL PHONES

Our recommendation is that electronic devices should not be brought to school. In addition to the disruptions that these may cause, there is the possibility of damage or theft. Use of devices shall be limited to the period before classes begin in the morning, between classes, during the student's lunch period and after the student's last class in the afternoon. Cell phones are not allowed to be used in or out of the classroom during instructional time. First offense will result in the cell phone being returned to the student at the end of the school day with a warning. Additional occurrences will result in parent pick up and disciplinary action.

HALL PASSES

The purpose of our school is EDUCATION and the most important part of education goes on in the classroom; thus, students must have a pass from a teacher or be with a teacher whenever they are out of the classroom.

MAKE-UP WORK

Whenever a class is missed, it is the student's responsibility to see his/her teachers concerning make-up assignments. It is important that this be done the day the student returns to school. The student will have two days following an absence to make up class work or tests. Work previously assigned and due on the day of the absence will be due on the day the student returns. Students knowing of absences in advance should pre-arrange for homework. Assignments are due the day of return to school, and upon return, students should be prepared to take any tests or quizzes.

If a student will be absent from school for three or more days, it is recommended that the parent/guardian go online to gather information regarding missed assignments. Parents and students may also email teachers for assignments. If parents/students are unable to gather such information, please contact the high school office.

LOST AND FOUND

Items found should be turned in to the office. Students who lose personal items or textbooks should check with the office. Possible thefts should be reported to the vice principal. Unclaimed lost and found items will be disposed of at the discretion of the office.

STUDENT MESSAGES/DELIVERIES

Students and parents are asked to cooperate to minimize requests for messages to students during the school day. Delivering messages to students interrupts class and the work of the office personnel. No delivery of food, drinks, or non-essential school items will be accepted by the school office.

TEACHER AIDES

T.A.'s must go to their assignments in all weather. T.A.s are not to loiter in the halls or outside. When returning from other schools T.A.s should remain in the lobby until the conclusion of the class period.

STUDENT DRIVING/PARKING

Student parking is provided in the lot on the North and East side of the building. The parking lot is off limits to students during school hours, unless permission is received from the office. Speeding, reckless driving, or inappropriate parking will result in loss of driving privileges. Cars parked improperly may be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense.

VISITORS

Visitors are not allowed without a prearranged appointment approved by the administration. Parents are encouraged to visit the school after contacting the office.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Lakeland School Joint District 272 offers a national hot lunch program at Mountain View High School. A nutritionally balanced lunch is available to all students at a reasonable fee. Applications for free and reduced lunches, for those who qualify, are available at the office.

ADDRESS/TELEPHONE CHANGES

It is extremely important that a parent/guardian notify the office immediately in the case of address/telephone number changes. Our ability to contact parents/guardians in the case of an emergency depends on accurate information.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Students who do not complete the school year at MTV must officially withdraw. Parents/Guardians must contact their child's counselor, principal or vice principal in person or in writing as to their child's withdrawal from Mountain View High School.

BUS REGULATIONS

All students that live on a bus route must register with the Bus Garage regardless of whether they will or will not be riding the bus. It is important to remember that riding the bus is strictly a privilege, not a right. School rules, in addition to those rules of the driver do apply. Failure to follow these rules may result in a loss of this privilege for a short time or even permanently.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS

Students planning to pursue a college education should check with their counselors at the beginning of their junior year to get information on schools available, entrance requirements and entrance testing information. Students are encouraged to take the ACT or SAT late in their junior year or early in their senior year. These tests can be taken more than once with the best score being the one of significance. The following information on particular tests should be helpful.

- PSAT Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. Mainly for juniors interested in obtaining a National Merit Scholarship or as practice for future college entrance tests.

- ACT American College Test. College entrance exam for most colleges.

- SAT Scholastic Aptitude Test. College entrance exam for most colleges. This test is given to all juniors in April at no cost. Students may also take this exam in October, November, December, January, March, May, and June at their own expense.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Required Annual Notices:

The following policies, procedures, and forms shall be distributed to students and their parent(s) or guardian(s) on an annual basis. This requirement may be met by distribution in the District's student handbook. In some cases, additional notices may be necessary to reach staff, applicants, or others.

2140, 2140F	Student and Family Privacy Rights
2425	Parental Rights
3280	Equal Education, Nondiscrimination, and Sex Equity
3295P	Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Cyber Bullying
3320	Substance and Alcohol Abuse
3330	Student Discipline
3335	Academic Honesty

3500	Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations
3570F1	Student Records
3275	Student Data Privacy and Security
4160	Parent Right-to-Know Notices - *policy will be added when approved by LJSD Board of Trustees
5120	Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination
5265	Employee Responsibilities Regarding Student Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying - *policy will be added when approved by LJSD Board of Trustees
8200	Local School Wellness
8245	Unpaid School Meal Charges