

## Mountain View School District

Book	Policy Manual
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### **Purpose**

The Board recognizes that reasonable guidelines concerning dress and grooming can facilitate the process of education and promote the district goal of respect and responsibility among students and adults. Although each student may have different tastes in attire, reasonable guidelines can preserve aspects of those tastes among the student body and promote a positive learning environment.

The Board has the authority to establish limitations on students' dress in school.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.[\[2\]](#)

Each building's faculty, staff and administration and/or designee shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming throughout the day and enforce school rules governing student dress and grooming. Administrative discretion will be final regarding enforcement of this policy.

The purpose of a dress code is not to inhibit any person's taste in attire but rather to better facilitate the process of education through reasonable guidelines in dress. The Mountain View School District has adopted the following dress code policy for grades K-12.

### **Guidelines**

#### **General Information**

The school policy for dress and grooming will be strictly enforced as per the discipline guidelines, which follow.

The Mountain View School Board may amend this policy at any time and must approve all changes to this policy.

Each student is expected to maintain good personal hygiene.

### *Approved School Clothing -*

All school clothing must be appropriately sized for the child and worn properly. Clothing must not be excessively loose or tight. Students may not add to, nor subtract from, the approved student dress policy, unless given prior approval by administration.

### *Modesty Expectations -*

All clothing must maintain modesty expectations. Any articles of clothing that are excessively form-fitting and/or expose bare midriff, shoulders, back or chest are prohibited. Final determination of conformity to this dress policy shall be made by administration and/or designee.

### *Spiritwear -*

Mountain View Spiritwear that is in compliance with the dress code may be worn any day (K-12). Both long and short sleeve crewneck t-shirts that contain Mountain View logos or are associated with school-affiliated events are permitted.

### *General Guidelines -*

The following guidelines apply:

#### 1. Pants: Grades K-12

All pants must be secured at the waist by a belt, snap, button, elastic, Velcro, zipper, or the like. Excessively baggy or tight pants, extra-wide or long pants, military pants (fatigues), yoga pants, leggings, and pajama pants are not permitted. Pants with manufactured or self-made holes, tears, rips are not permitted. Leggings may be worn under approved skirts, shirts-elementary only, skorts, and dresses.

#### 2. Skirts, Skorts, Rompers and Dresses: Grades K-12

Skirt, skort, romper and dress lengths must extend to a length that is greater than the arms and hands fully extended at the sides to lengths no longer than to the ankle. These clothing items are permissible in solids, stripes, plaids, and patterns. A dress does not need to have a collar, but it must adhere to the modesty expectations of this policy and have shoulder straps that are at least three fingers wide. Dresses do not need to have a collar.

#### 3. Shorts: Grades 3-12

All shorts must be of a formal/cargo style and must extend to a length that is greater than the arms and hands fully extended at the sides. Shorts may be solid colors, stripes, plaids, or patterns and must be secured at the waist by a belt, snap, button, elastic, Velcro, zipper, or the like. Gym shorts, spandex, jean cut-off shorts, fatigues or the like are not permitted.

\*\*\*Elementary students (Grades 3-6) may wear gym shorts on gym days only.\*\*\*

#### 4. Shirts: Grades 3-12

Button-down, dress, golf, Henley, turtlenecks or crewneck t-shirts in solids or patterns are permitted. Approved shirts must have long or short sleeves and may not have more than 2 buttons unbuttoned at the neck. Scarves may be worn over approved shirts. T-shirts may not display inappropriate or offensive graphics of any kind.

#### 5. Sweaters: Grades 3-12

Crew and turtleneck sweaters where collar bones and shoulders are covered are acceptable to wear. V-neck sweaters, cardigan sweaters, and sweater vests are only acceptable if an approved shirt is worn underneath.

#### 6. Sweatshirts: Grades K-12

Hooded, crewneck, and zip-up sweatshirts in solids and patterns are acceptable. Zip-up sweatshirts must be zipped to the bottom of the collar bone unless an approved shirt or turtleneck is worn underneath. Sweatshirts may not display inappropriate or offensive graphics of any kind. Hoods must remain down at all times when wearing a hooded sweatshirt.

#### 7. Shoes: Grades K-12

Students shall wear sneakers, dress shoes, boots or sandals with an ankle strap. Shoes that are deemed to pose a safety hazard are not permitted, for example, shower shoes, flip-flops, and slippers. Shoes with wheels of any type are not permitted.

#### *Other Articles of Noncompliance – Grades K-12*

1. Sunglasses.
2. Winter jackets, coats, and other outerwear items worn in the classroom or hallways during the instructional day.
3. Hats, bandanas, and sweatbands.
4. Large chains, dog collars, or spiked accessories.
5. Sheer or see-through clothing.
6. Displaying of undergarments.

#### *Spirit Days –*

As approved by the administration.

#### Violation of the Policy

The purpose of school is to promote and foster a positive and constructive learning environment. Students are expected to dress in a manner which encourages this purpose. Violation of this policy will result in parent/guardian notification and appropriate school action through the Code of Conduct and through the consequences noted below.[3]

#### Consequences of Noncompliance

The administration reserves the right to elevate the level of an offense dependent upon its severity. Regardless of the level or consequence, the student may not return to class unless s/he conforms to the policy.

Students whose dress and/or grooming is not in compliance with this policy will be subject to the following consequences:

**First Violation** – Warning. Students will correct the infraction. Parent/Guardian will be contacted by student or administration if appropriate clothing is needed from home. Alternative articles of clothing may also be provided by the administration or their designee. If the student

refuses or cannot correct the infraction, his/her parents/guardians will be contacted, and s/he will be assigned to ISS for the remainder of the school day or until his/her dress is corrected. Elementary - ISS will be scheduled as needed.

**Second Violation** – Students will be assigned a lunch detention. Parent/Guardian will be called. Students will receive a written notice, to be signed by parent/guardian and student and returned on the next school day. If the student refuses or cannot correct the infraction, s/he will be assigned to ISS for the remainder of the school day or until his/her dress is corrected. This ISS will be above and beyond the assigned detention. Elementary - ISS will be scheduled as needed.

**Third Violation** - Students will be assigned an ISS for the day of the infraction and an after-school detention on the next detention day (High School only). Parent/Guardian will be called and required to attend a meeting for the purpose of creating a plan to comply with the policy. Students may return to class after an ISS only after conforming to the student dress code policy and a parental confirmation of a scheduled parent/guardian meeting has been obtained by administration or their designee. Elementary - ISS will be scheduled as needed.

**Fourth and Subsequent Violations** - Students will be assigned an ISS for the day of the infraction and a subsequent OSS on the next school day. Parent/Guardian will be called. Students may return to class after an OSS only after conforming to the student dress code policy and attending a post suspension meeting with a parent/guardian and administration or their designee. Elementary - ISS will be scheduled as needed.

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 1317.3](#)

[2. 22 PA Code 12.11](#)

[3. Pol. 218](#)

Pol. 251

Pol. 325