



Mullins High School

Student-Parent Handbook 2026-2027

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NONDISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT

Mullins High School and Marion County School District are equal opportunity employers and do not discriminate in employment or access to district programs on the basis of race, sex, national origin, or disability.



MULLINS HIGH HISTORY

In 1923, a new Mullins High School was created under the leadership of Principal L. B. McCormick. He served as District Superintendent from 1926 to 1948. In 1936 and 1937, the school was updated to include additional classrooms and a gymnasium. By 1937, student enrollment grew to about 350 students and the school became one of the state's first high schools to be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Mullins High School remains South Carolina's oldest continuous member of this prestigious accrediting agency. Following a fire in 1976, the school operated from Academy Street, using portable classrooms until a new school was constructed. In 1981, the present building was completed on a beautiful 84-acre campus west of Mullins. Mullins High School now stands as an exemplary monument to a long tradition of educational excellence due to the faithful dedication of educational and community leaders who have demonstrated their unyielding belief in the youth of Marion County School District.



MISSION

Through dedication and preparation, Mullins High School will cooperatively provide learners the opportunity to become college, career, and citizenship ready.



BELIEFS

We believe:

- Together, we can achieve greatness.
- Every individual is worthy of respect and is important.
- The developmental growth of the whole child is essential.
- All individuals can learn and learning is a lifelong process.

Traditions

- **School Colors:** Red, White and Royal Blue
- **School Mascot:** Auctioneer
- **School Logo:** Diamond M 
- **School Motto:** The Strength of the Indian is in the Tribe and together we can achieve greatness.



Alma Mater

Hail to Thee, Our Alma Mater,
Guardian of our days,
For the Spirit never failing,
We will sing thy praise.

On the banks of Pee Dee River
Here's the school we love,
Hail to Thee, Our Alma Mater.
Hail to Thee, All hail.

Tho' the coming years will part us,
We will loyal be
And the name of Mullins High School
Lives in memory.

Proudly bear the name forever
As the school we love,
Here's a toast to Mullins High School
Alma Mater, Hail.

Mullins High School Bell Schedule 2026-2027

7:30	Teachers MUST Sign In	
7:45	Doors Open to Receive Students	
7:45-8:05	Bus Students Arrive	
8:05	First Bell	
8:10	Tardy to 1st Block	
8:10-8:15	Morning Announcements	
8:15-9:47	1 st Block	
9:47-9:51	Class Change	
9:51	Tardy to 2nd Block	
9:51-11:21	2 nd Block	
11:21-11:25	Class Change	
11:25	Tardy to 3rd Block	
A-Lunch Students	11:25	3 rd Block Begins
	11:37-12:05	A-Lunch
	12:05	Return to 3 rd Block
	12:08	Tardy to 3rd Block
	11:27-11:37 12:08-1:27	3 rd Block Class Time
B-Lunch Students	11:25	3 rd Block Begins
	12:12-12:40	B-Lunch
	12:40	Return to 3 rd Block
	12:43	Tardy to 3rd Block
	11:25-12:12 12:43-1:27	3 rd Block Class Time
C-Lunch Students	11:25	3 rd Block Begins
	12:47-1:15	C-Lunch
	1:15	Return to 3 rd Block
	1:18	Tardy to 3rd Block
	11:25-12:47 1:18-1:27	3 rd Block Class Time
1:27-1:31	Class Change	
1:31	Tardy to 4th Block	
1:31-3:05	4 th Block	
3:05	End of the Day Announcements	
3:10	Students' Dismissal	
3:30	Teachers' Dismissal	

Schedule is Subject to Change

***Disclaimer:** Information in this student handbook is subject to change as new policy comes into effect by local and state regulations.*

Academic Information

Preparation for graduation begins on the first day you enter the doors of Mullins High School. It's important to do your very best from the onset and maintain a level of proficiency. Regular school attendance and discipline also factors into your success towards graduation.

ONLINE LEARNING

All students are provided a safe learning environment. Therefore, students will be held accountable for all assignments regardless of the instructional format. Students are still expected to follow and meet the requirements for graduation listed below.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

To receive the South Carolina State High School Diploma, candidates must meet any state or district level graduation requirements and earn a minimum of 24 units distributed in the following manner:

English	4	U.S. History	1	Foreign Lang or CATE	1
Math	4	Economics	.5	Keyboarding/Tech	1
Science	3	Government	.5	Electives	6.5
Social Studies	1	PE/ROTC	1	Personal Finance	.5
TOTAL	24				

PROMOTION STANDARDS

To 12th: Successful completion of 16 Carnegie Units with a minimum of three Carnegie units in mathematics and three Carnegie Units in English **and** be scheduled with the required remaining courses

To 11th: Successful completion of 12 Carnegie Units with a minimum of two Carnegie Units in mathematics and two Carnegie Units in English

To 10th: Successful completion of 6 Carnegie Units with one Carnegie Unit in mathematics and one Carnegie Unit in English.

GRADING SYSTEM

A	90-100	Excellent
B	80-89	Good
C	70-79	Average
D	60-69	Below Average
F	Below 59	Unsatisfactory
WF		Withdrawal w/Failure
WP		Withdrawal w/ Passing

Exam Exemption Policy

Final exams count 20% of a student's final average. Principal approval is required to make up a final exam if not taken as scheduled. Failure to take the exam will result in a zero for that scored item. Students must make **prior arrangements for emergencies if unable to take the exam as scheduled.**

Students eligible for exemption may exempt final exams using one of the following methods:

Year-Long Course:

- Students must have a **90 average and no more than 6 absences prior to the exam day.**

Semester Course:

- Students must have a **90 average and no more than 4 absences prior to the exam day.**

Quarter Course:

- Students must have a **90 average and no more than 2 absences prior to the exam day.**

This includes (excused and/or un-excused absences, which includes medical absences). These are not excused as it relates to exam exemption.

CLASS RANKINGS AND GRADE POINT AVERAGES

All graduating students will be ranked numerically from top to bottom in their class at the **end of their senior year**. Class rank is determined by the weighted grade point average of **all Carnegie** units taken. Half-unit courses will receive half as much weight as full-unit courses. Term averages will be used for all calculations.

Junior marshals will be selected on the basis of weighted class rank using the grades from all courses taken since entering the ninth grade (five semesters). Junior marshals will be the top 10 percent of the class and will be selected to participate in graduation activities. The two junior students with the highest weighted class rank will be designated as lead marshals. A student must have been enrolled in the same Marion County high school during the last two semesters to be a junior marshal. Junior marshals may be named at the end of the 3rd quarter.

- **Please note the statements below, taken directly from MCSD Policy IKC "Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages".....**

"All graduating students will be ranked numerically from top to bottom in their class at the end of their senior year. Class rank is determined by the weighted grade point average of all Carnegie units taken."

"Honor graduates, including valedictorian and salutatorian, will be determined at the end of the senior year. Honor graduates will be the top 10 percent of seniors earning a high school diploma using the uniform grading scale. The valedictorian will be the top ranked student using the uniform grading scale. The salutatorian will be the second ranked student using the uniform grading scale. If a tie exists, co-valedictorians will be named and the other position will be left vacant. A student must have been enrolled in the same Marion County high school during the last two semesters."

COURSE WITHDRAWALS

Students will be enrolled in the courses they have pre-registered for. With the first day of enrollment in the course as the baseline, students who withdraw from a course within three days in a 45-day course, five days in a 90-day course, or ten days in a 180-day course may do so without penalty. Students who withdraw from a course after the specified time of three days in a 45-day course, five days in a 90-day course, or ten days in a 180-day course shall be assigned a WF, and the F (as a 51) will be calculated in the student's overall grade point average.

The three, five, and ten-day limitations for withdrawing from a course without penalty do not apply to a course or course level changes approved by the administration of a school. Withdrawal limitations for distance learning courses will be established by local districts. Students who drop out of school or are expelled after the allowed period for withdrawal but before the end of the grading period will be assigned grades in accordance with the following policies:

- The student will receive a WP if he or she was passing the course. The grade of WP will carry no Carnegie Units and no quality. Points to be factored into the student's GPA.
- The student will receive a WF if he or she was failing the course. The grade of WF will carry no Carnegie Units but will be factored into the student's GPA as a 51.
- If a student fails a course due to excessive absences, an **FA** will be recorded on his or her transcript. The grade of **FA** will carry no Carnegie units but will be factored into the student's GPA as a 51.

DUAL CREDIT

Courses that you may receive high school as well as college credit are referred to as Dual Credit. Dual credit courses will be offered to qualifying juniors and seniors. These courses are offered in partnership with a technical college such as Florence Darlington Technical College. Mullins High School does not cover the cost of tuition for these courses but may cover the costs for textbooks if funds are available. Please see your guidance counselor for more information.

EARLY COLLEGE

Mullins High School in conjunction with Florence Darlington Technical College and Marion County School District will offer college courses to eligible 9th grade students. Students take college courses to pursue an Associate's Degree while meeting grade and state level requirements for a South Carolina High School Diploma.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Mullins High School has charters for four honor societies: The National Beta Club, The National Honor Society, The National Science Honor Society, and National Spanish Honor Society. The purpose of these organizations is to promote scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at Mullins High School.

Membership in these organizations consist of students in grades 9-12 who demonstrate good character, mentality, credible achievement, and commendable attitude as set forth in the by-laws of these organizations.

National Beta Club

The scholastic requirement for membership in the National Beta Club is a **3.75 GPA** on a 4.0 GPA Scale as defined by the SC State Department of Education.

National Honor Society

The scholastic requirement of The National Honor Society will be a **3.25 GPA** on the 4.0 GPA Scale as defined by the SC State Department of Education.

Please be advised that the GPA scale used in determining the eligibility of a student is not the SCUGP GPA Scale. Membership requirements of character and leadership are also mandatory, and for any moral or disciplinary reasons, an individual cannot have any OSS on record. Please see your guidance counselor or the society advisor for more information on membership.

SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY GUIDELINES:

- Students must be a Junior or Senior.
- Students must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 (or an overall "B" average) for their cumulative high school grades.
- Students must have completed 3 CP level science classes and have an overall average of 90 when the student's final grades for the 3 classes are averaged.

The Mullins High School Honors Award

Students may be eligible for the Mullins High School Honors Award by earning at least 28 units distributed in the manner listed below, as well as meeting state or district assessment standards, receiving a "B" or better during high school courses and scores at least 710 on SAT verbal or 690 on SAT math, or 30 on ACT English or 33 on ACT math. You may also be eligible if you have a combined SAT of 1400 and an ACT composite of 31.

English Must be English 1 or above	4	Social Studies US/SC History Econ/ Gov. World History, World Geography	3	Electives Comprehensive Health is required	7
Mathematics Must be Algebra I or above	4	Computer Science	1	PE/ROTC	1
Lab Science including biology and chemistry and a third science with biology and chemistry as a prerequisite	3	Foreign Language 2 units of same language	2	Additional Units 1 or more of the following: English, Science, Math, or Social Studies	2

LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

Students must meet two of the following criteria to be eligible for a LIFE Scholarship:

1. 3.0 GPA or higher
2. 1100 SAT or 24 ACT
3. Top 30% of their graduating class

PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

High school seniors may *apply* for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship if they meet one of the two criteria:

1. 1200 on SAT/27 on ACT, 3.5 GPA, top 6% of class *OR*
2. 1400 on SAT/32 on ACT, 4.0 GPA

TESTING

ASVAB: The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a tool used by the Armed Services to place recruits in appropriate jobs. It is also a tool that can be utilized to help students explore careers in which they are interested outside of a military job. All 11th grade students will take the ASVAB **on October 1, 2026 and March 3, 2027**. (Actual date is subject to change.)

EOCEP: The End-Of-Course Examination Program gauges student achievement in “benchmark” courses for high school credit. The exams will count 20% of the students’ final grade in the tested courses and replace teacher exams.

i-Ready: i-Ready is more than assessment—it's a connected experience delivering teacher-led core and supplemental instruction across mathematics, literacy, professional learning, and more. (9th Graders and EC)

ACT/SAT: The American College Test/Scholastic Aptitude Test is often required for admission to many colleges and universities. It measures the verbal and mathematical abilities that a student has acquired. Information is available in Guidance.

WIN/Career Ready: The WIN Ready to Work test consists of four multiple choice timed tests –Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Essential Soft Skills. The Ready to Work tests measure real world skills that employers believe are critical to job success.

PSAT: Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test is given to tenth grade students in the fall.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

If you suspect that your child has some type of learning disability and needs Special Education related services or accommodations, please contact Marion

County School District so the schools can provide appropriate educational opportunities for your child.

Partnering with Parents

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences may be scheduled at any time by contacting your child's teacher. Parents are invited to meet teachers at Open House and each quarter to receive interim reports. Check the school calendar and website for important dates.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents and/or community volunteers are needed to represent our school on committees (PTO and SIC), field trips, and with various tasks that contribute to effective school operations. For more information, please call the main office at 464-3710.

STUDENT INFORMATION

It is the responsibility of the parent to keep the school informed of changes in address, telephone number, emergency contacts, medical information, etc. Only persons listed as an emergency contact may act in the absence of the parent. These functions include signing students in and/or out and/or make emergency decisions pertinent to the health and safety of students.

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

Good attendance is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and the student. The parent must notify the school in writing of the day(s) missed and the reason for the absence. The student must bring this written statement from a parent within three (3) school days after he/she has returned to school. If the parent fails to verify in writing the reason for the absence, it will be determined unlawful.

Truancy

ALL STATES HAVE LAWS REQUIRING CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL. Under Section 59-65-20 of the Compulsory Attendance Law there is penalty for failure to enroll or cause a child to attend school. Students ages 6 to 17 years of age who has three consecutive unlawful absences or a total of five unlawful absences is considered truant as defined by state board of education regulation. When a student has missed 3 consecutive or 5 total unlawful absences the attendance clerk will schedule an attendance meeting with the student, parent, administration, and truancy officer. Parents and students are required to attend the conference. Negligence can result in consequences for the student and parent based upon Section 59-65-60 of the Attendance Code.

In order to receive one Carnegie unit of credit, a student must be attendance at least 120 hours, per unit, regardless of the number of days missed. Students are not permitted to miss more than TEN classes in semester courses or FIVE in nine week courses. Students are responsible for making up class work upon returning to school. An excused absence applies to attendance only, and does

not excuse the student from making up their work. If a student attends the Academy of Careers and Technology, they are responsible for getting the needed excuses to the school.

The following are examples of lawful absences:

1. Student illness that would cause their attendance to endanger their health or the health of others that is verified in writing by the parent or legal guardian or physician
2. The student's chronic or extended illness (which must be updated each year by the attending physician) is verified in writing by a licensed physician, dentist, or other medical practitioner within three (3) school days after the student has returned to school, or
3. An appointment with a licensed physician, dentist, or other medical practitioner that is verified in writing by the licensed physician, dentist, or other medical practitioner
4. The serious illness or death in the student's **immediate family** that is verified in writing by the parent or legal guardian (**Immediate Family=parent, grandparent, sibling, stepparent, spouse, child, & in-laws. Court appointed placements with verification will be considered**).
5. The student's observance of religious holidays of the student's faith that is explained in writing by the parent or legal guardian
6. The student's participation in a school related activity that has received prior approval by the principal, or
7. *Absences that are judged by the principal to be of significant educational value to warrant approval and have the prior written approval of the principal.*

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

Supervision for students **begins at 7:45 AM and ends at 3:30 PM**. Students should not be on campus **before or after these times**, unless they are supervised by a coach or staff member. Students who arrive to school after 9:00 AM **MUST** be signed in by an adult. Disciplinary actions may apply to students found in violation of campus rules. Students must **be in** their **1st block** class at 8:10 AM. Dismissal time is 3:10 PM.

Parent Transportation

Parents must drop off and/or pickup at the front of the school. Students should be dropped off between 7:40 AM and 8:00 AM and picked up no later than 3:30 PM. Supervision is not provided for students who remain after 3:30 unless they are actively involved with an afterschool activity.

TARDINESS

Students have 5 minutes between classes. All students are expected to be inside their classroom **before** the tardy bell ends. When a student has accumulated 6 or more unexcused tardies for a class period (including first block), he or she will receive a discipline referral. Tardies will start over every

quarter. Referrals for tardiness will result in days of ISS or OSS. **If a student is tardy to school they must sign in at the attendance office each time.**

➤ *Student drivers with excessive tardies (ten times) will lose their driving privilege for the remainder of the semester.*

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When inclement weather forces cancellation or early dismissal, notification will occur on local TV, District Website, and radio stations. The district automated phone system and website will also be utilized. Please make sure we have current phone numbers.

Sign-out Procedures

In order for a student to leave school early, he/she must be signed out in the attendance office either by a parent or guardian, or by written request from a parent or guardian. If you know your student will leave during the day, send a proper note or call ahead of time. Notes for early dismissals should be dropped off at the attendance office before going to first block class. The request must include:

- Student's full name,
- Reason for early dismissal, and
- Phone number of parent or guardian to verify request.

Students must make up missed work. Please schedule appointments for after school if possible so that valuable class time is not missed. Please attempt to sign in and out during the change of classes, refer to the bell schedule on page 6.

General Information

CONTRABAND

Radios, I-pods, CD players, cell phones, earpieces, and etc. are not allowed during the school day and will be confiscated with consequences. Lighters, electronic cigarettes/vaporizers, tobacco products and/or paraphernalia, alcohol, and/or any illegal/unauthorized item(s) are not allowed on the school premises and will result in Levels 2 and/or 3 consequences according to district policy. The school is not responsible for confiscated items that are later stolen, damaged or misplaced. Please refer to District Code of Code for further explanation.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones/earpieces should be turned off and stored out of visible sight of others during the school day (7:40-3:10). Students who violate this policy will have their cell phones confiscated and will receive disciplinary action according to the code of conduct. On the third offense, the cell phone will be kept until the end of the school year.

IDs

All students in Marion County High Schools are required to display identification cards. If at any time the ID is not displayed properly, any staff may write a discipline referral. Student IDs are used to check out meals, library books and

to identify students. Students are expected to wear their own ID's daily and visibly (**defined as between the neck and waist and not defaced**). Students with no IDs will be placed in ISS if they do not purchase one or if someone cannot bring one from home.

SMART PASSES

Students must remain in their classroom during instructional time unless they have an approved SMART Pass authorization. Passes are not to be issued during the first 15 minutes or last 15 minutes of each block.

FOOD SERVICE

Mullins High School provides a breakfast and lunch program that offers nutritional options for students every day of the school year. Menus are subject to change due to availability of food items or special events at the school. If your child has unique nutritional needs or food allergies, please contact the school nurse and/or the cafeteria manager at 464-3710 for more information.

CAFETERIA RULES

Staff members are assigned specific duties in the cafeteria. The duties are required to maintain order, safety, and to ensure lunch lines are operating properly and smoothly. The following regulations will pertain to all students:

- Respect fellow students and staff members.
- Avoid loud talking, running, pushing, and shoving.
- Line cutting will not be permitted. All students are to be in line 10 minutes before the end of the lunch period.
- **Students must remove all trays, trash, and kitchenware from the tables and place them in the proper receptacles.**
- Place chairs under tables.
- No glass containers are allowed on campus.
- No food or drink is allowed in the hallways.
- ***Outside Food Deliveries are not allowed.***

HEALTH SERVICES

All students must have a *Consent for Treatment* form on file in the nurse's office. Before visiting the health office, the nurse should approve the SMART Pass. Students who should see the nurse:

- Any student who has an accident or injury here at school.
- Any student who has a suspected contagious illness.
- Any student with nausea, vomiting, and fever.
- Any illness or complaint, which affects the student's ability to concentrate (ex. earache, headache, toothache).

All medications (prescribed or over-the-counter) must be accompanied with parental consent and labeled with name, type of medication, and how often it is to be given. Prescribed medication and over the counter medicines must be taken to the health office upon arrival to school; where it will be administered at the prescribed time. Prescribed medications have to have a physician's signature on the Medical Administration Form before the nurse can administer

the medicine. Only one student will be admitted in the health room at a time. If students have to remain in the designated isolation nurse's office, students will be required to wear a facial mask.

MEDIA CENTER

The media center serves as the hub of the school and is available for all students. The goal of our media center is to meet the educational information needs of our students and faculty. A secondary goal is to help meet the recreational reading needs of our students.

Media Center Rules:

Students are expected to enter quietly with a written pass from the teacher and sign-in. **Food and/or beverage items of any kind are strictly prohibited.** Students are to return materials to the appropriate places.

COMPUTER USE AND USER AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS

Access to the Internet and e-mail will permit our students a number of educational and research opportunities. It is also the belief of the district that the district should teach responsible use of the Internet as a necessary skill for the student to prepare for his/her future. The district will issue computer accounts to all high school students for computer and technology resources. The district will also provide Internet access to its students. However, there are limitations on how these resources may be used.

Basic Book Rules:

- Books are checked out for two weeks and may be renewed. Your ID card is required to check out a book.
- Book checkout may be denied to students with an overdue book or books. Students must pay for any lost materials.
- Students cannot check out reference books during the day.
- Checking materials out of the media center involves responsibility. Care for them appropriately. Return materials on time.

SCHOOL FEES

Instructional fees for 2026-2027 will be determined prior to registration. This money is used to purchase basic supplies that will be used in the classrooms. Students will not be allowed to participate in graduation if any fees (instructional, JROTC, cafeteria, or textbooks) are owed. This may impede the process of sending transcripts and receiving diplomas.

❖ Signs and Posters

All literature and advertisements must be approved by the administration BEFORE hanging or posting flyers. Students will be assigned locations to advertise and campaign for events. Signs posted without permission and official signatures will be removed and/or discarded if not claimed within 3 days.

TEXTBOOKS and BARCODES

Textbooks are provided by the State Department of Education at no cost to the students. However, students are required to pay in full for state-owned

textbooks which are not returned or are damaged beyond continued use. Unreasonable damage to state-owned textbooks will result in fines. Fees must be paid in order to replace textbooks for student use.

TRANSPORTATION

Student Parking/Vehicle Use on Campus

Parking permits will be sold only to eligible students. To be eligible, a student must have:

- Passed three out of four courses from the previous semester, have a valid driver's license, and show proof of insurance. If a student purchases a parking permit, then later becomes ineligible, his/her money will not be refunded.
- Must have a parking permit in operating vehicles on campus and park in their assigned numbered parking space.
- Students are not allowed to park in the visitor's or handicapped parking spaces.

Rules for students parking at Mullins High School are as follows:

- Students are to leave their cars and the parking area **immediately** upon arrival. No loitering.
- Students will not be permitted to go to their vehicles during the day.
- The speed limit on campus is 15-mph maximum or slower if conditions warrant. There will be no speeding or any form of reckless driving on the school grounds.
- Student vehicles are subject to search if there is reasonable suspicion that drugs, alcohol, weapons, stolen property, or other contraband might be present.
- The driver of the car is responsible for seeing that all passengers in his/her car follow all regulations regarding the student parking area.
- The school is not responsible for any items left in cars or for any damage to vehicles while on school property. For your protection, vehicles are to remain locked while parked on campus.
- A parent's signature is required on the **Parking Application** if the student is under eighteen years of age.
- The cost of a student-parking permit is **\$10.00**. This fee is non-refundable.
- All vehicles using the student parking area must display the parking permit on the inside rear view mirror of the vehicle. Permits are not transferable.
- Students who drive to school and then leave without securing administrative permission will be considered *leaving without permission* and will lose their driving privilege and/or be suspended.

Bus Transportation

Students must ride on their assigned buses. Any changes to student transportation must be in writing and submitted to the school for verification at the beginning of the day. Marion County School District Code of Conduct is

in effect at the bus stop and on the bus. Refer to the Marion County School District Code of Conduct for more details.

Bus Expectations:

Students must:

- Ride the assigned bus daily based on your address.
 - Sit in assigned seats.
 - Profanity, playing, yelling, fighting, and obscene gestures on the bus are prohibited.
 - No loud music will be played on the bus. Cell phones with ear buds/headphones are permitted.
 - Be seated immediately and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
 - Do not extend arms, legs, or head out of the bus.
 - Smoking, eating, chewing gum, and drinking are not permitted on the buses.
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VISITORS

During the school day, no one other than the staff and students of Mullins High School are to be on the school grounds or in the building without the principal's permission. All other visitors must sign-in.

All visitors must enter the building and immediately report to the attendance office to obtain clearance. Then visitors must report to the main office for a visitors pass and wait until you are greeted by the person you are here to see. Visitor parking is available in the front of the building. **Friends/relatives who are on vacation, relatives not in school, former students etc. will not be allowed to attend classes and/or visit during lunch.**

Students under suspension, expulsion or former students who have withdrawn are not permitted on campus except on school business. They must receive permission from the administration. Violators will be arrested for trespassing. Loitering is strictly prohibited.

Student Discipline

Marion County School District Code of Conduct

The district's code of conduct and discipline is established to achieve and maintain order in the schools. In administrative rule JICDA-R, the board and the administration offer a list of offenses along with the required or recommended dispositions for the information of students, parents/legal guardians and school personnel.

Disciplinary actions will include appropriate hearings and review. The removal of a student from the learning environment will occur only for just cause and in accordance with due process of law. The administration will consider extenuating circumstances when taking disciplinary action. Even though the code of conduct attempts to be comprehensive, it cannot cover every possible student misbehavior. Administrators are given the authority to deal with

behaviors not covered in this code in an appropriate manner. Each student will receive a copy of the Marion County School District Code of Conduct and will be expected to understand and follow it at all times as listed below:

- On the school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours
- On the school grounds at any other time when the school is used by a school group
- Off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event as participants or spectators
- At the bus stop, en-route to and from school on a school bus or other school vehicle
- Off the school grounds when the conduct has an adverse effect on a student or staff's ability to function normally in the school environment
- Remarks and/or comments that may be considered derogatory, defamatory, or inflammatory made on social media (i.e. Facebook, Snap Chat, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) that may have an adverse effect on a student or staff's ability to function normally in the school environment

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

All students and staff members of Mullins High School are protected from the abuse of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is defined as any kind of conduct, physical or verbal, that is derogatory and designed to demean or intimidate him or her. Any offense involving sexual harassment will be taken seriously and will subject the offender to school disciplinary measures and/or prosecution under the South Carolina Code of Laws. If any student or staff member feels that they have been sexually harassed, they need to bring it to the attention of their immediate supervisor or teacher.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT

A major advance in school-wide discipline is the emphasis on school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments. A continuum of positive behavior support for all students within a school is implemented in areas including the classroom and non-classroom settings (such as hallways, restrooms). Positive behavior support is an application of a behaviorally-based systems approach to enhance the capacity of schools, families, and communities to design effective environments that improve the link between research-validated practices and the environments in which teaching and learning occurs. Attention is focused on creating and sustaining primary (school-wide), secondary (classroom), and tertiary (individual) systems of support that improve lifestyle results (personal, health, social, family, work, recreation) for all children and youth by making problem behavior less effective, efficient, and relevant, and desired behavior more functional.

CHARACTER COACHING

Character Coaching is intended to correct misbehavior while keeping students in school. Rules and consequences are listed/explained to each student and each student's behavior is monitored. Character coaching helps students realize that they are responsible for their actions, excuses are not acceptable and consequences follow inappropriate behavior. A student who is absent from school and misses an assigned character coaching day must report to character coaching the first day he/she returns to school. Students, who disrupt character coaching or refuse to attend, will be suspended.

DRESS CODE

The purpose of a student dress code is not to restrict unduly, but to permit students to dress in accordance with the fashion of the times yet, in accordance with standards conducive to a proper educational atmosphere. Students will dress and groom in a clean, neat manner which does not distract or interfere with the operation of the school. Student attire should not be destructive to school property, should comply with requirements for health and safety, and should not be immodest or revealing.

The administration may establish such rules and regulations as necessary to enforce this policy. School athletic uniforms are exempt from this policy when worn as instructed by the coach. The student dress code is expected to be followed by all students at all times that they are representing the district or school.

Prohibited Items:

- Caps, hats, ski masks, bonnets, or other headgear, including coat hoods, do-rags, sweatbands, bandanas, and scarves (even worn as bows/headbands). **Any head gear that is designed to conceal your face is not allowed.**
- Bedroom/house shoes, flip flops or flat-bottomed shoes **without** heel straps
- **Blankets, bedroom/house garments, pants or halter tops**
- Shorts, skirts, dresses cannot **be more than 2 inches ABOVE the knee**
- Garments with **HOLES** (shirts, skirts, shorts, and pants included)
 - Pants cannot have holes that are **two inches** ABOVE the knee. Tights, tissue, and tape are unacceptable remedies and should not be worn with them.
- Sagging pants and excessively tight or revealing garments (pants, skirts, tops)
- Clothing or accessories that advertise illegal substances including but not limited to violence, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol.
- Clothing or accessories that depict obscene, profane, racial, unethical meaning or double meanings
- Clothing or accessories that are gang related.
- Revealing clothing such as but not limited to: tank tops, halter tops, muscle shirts, tops that expose the midriff, garments with spaghetti

straps or straps less than two (2") inches in width, strapless garments, see-through or low-cut garments. **BELLY BUTTONS and/or NAVELS should NOT be showing.**

- Undergarments must not be visible and shoulders must be covered.

Acceptable

- Shorts, dresses, and skirts must not be TWO (2") inches above the knee or longer.
- Leggings or jeggings MAY BE WORN ONLY IF COVERED by a top that meets the length requirements for dresses, skirts, and shorts.
- Only medically prescribed sunglasses

❖ Special Events

Attire for special events such as prom, homecoming, parades, field trips, and pageants must have prior approval and meet guidelines before students may participate.

The administration reserves the right to make any decisions pertaining to dress code not covered above. Dress code violations must be corrected immediately.

RESPONSIBLE STUDENT BEHAVIOR FOR ASSEMBLIES

Formal Assemblies (awards assemblies, guest speaker)

1. Accompany your teacher to the gym.
2. Sit and remain in the designated area for your class
3. Give the speaker your undivided attention, do not talk.
4. Remain respectful throughout the entire assembly.
5. At the conclusion of the assembly, remain seated until you are dismissed. Exit quietly.

Informal Assemblies (pep rallies)

1. Accompany teacher to the gym.
2. Sit in the area designated for your grade.
3. Give the speaker your undivided attention, do not talk.
4. Follow all directions by the speaker.
5. Do not at any time, boo or demean others.
6. Remain respectful throughout the entire assembly.

Consequences for not following rules

1. Move near teacher
2. Be removed from assembly (referral to administrator).

AUCTIONEER ATHLETICS

Being a member of an Auctioneer athletic team is the fulfillment of an early ambition for many students. Mullins has a great *Athletic Tradition*, one that was

not built overnight. As a member of an interscholastic athletic squad of Mullins High, you are expected to uphold this tradition. Our tradition has been to win with honor. We desire to win, but only with honor to our athletes, our school and our community. When you wear the colors of your school, we assume that you do not only understand our traditions, but are willing to assume the responsibilities that go along with them. Additionally, the contributions you make should be a satisfying accomplishment to you and your family.

Requirements for Participation

Remember that as a student-athlete, you are not eligible to participate in any sport until the following items have been completed.

- Parent permission form on file.
- Physical examination completed and filed.
- All eligibility requirements have been satisfied.
- State birth certificate copy on file.

Violations

In the event a student-athlete fails to comply with the standards set forth in the student-athletic handbook, it will be interpreted by the Athletic Department as an indication that the student-athlete does not have sufficient desire to participate in the interscholastic athletic program. Therefore, the athlete will be denied the privilege of participating until such time as he/she can prove this desire. The precise period of suspension will depend on the violation and the attitude of the student-athlete and other parties involved. Repeated or flagrant violations may result in total suspension from the interscholastic athletic program.

Missing Practice

A student-athlete should always consult his/her coach before missing practice. Consequences will be administered for missing practice or a game without valid reasoning. This includes sitting out for the event.

Travel

All student-athletes must travel to and from athletic contests in transportation provided by the athletic department unless arranged prior to travel time with the coach(es). Student-athletes will remain with their squad and under the supervision of the coach when attending contests. All regular school bus rules will be followed, including food, noise, remaining in seats, care and respect for equipment.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Fans attend athletic contests to cheer for and support their team and coaching staff, to enjoy competition and to show appreciation for the student-athletes' skills. Fans should avoid booing, jeering, or making negative, antagonistic remarks to participants and other fans.

All viewing fans and participants in high school contests should:

- Show respect for the opponent and officials at all times. Treat them as guests.
- Permit only positive behavior to reflect on MuHS.
- Win with character and lose with dignity.

Cheerleading Try-Outs

Any student is eligible to try out for cheerleading unless you have been dismissed or resigned from a squad more than once. Previous cheerleading experience is not a requirement. Candidates should not have school suspensions.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

These lifelong guidelines are adopted by Marion County School District and will be encouraged by Mullins High School throughout the school year.

- ❖ **Active Listening**
- ❖ **Trustworthiness**
- ❖ **No Put-Downs**
- ❖ **Truthfulness**
- ❖ **Personal Best**

Student Accountability for Learning

Be Proactive

"I believe that everyone chooses how to approach life. If you're proactive, you focus on preparing. If you're reactive, you end up focusing on repairing." ~ John C. Maxwell, [Today Matters](#)

Begin to reflect on your life and where you see yourself after high school. Start preparing yourself by having a clear and focused vision. Plan time for studies and a social activities. Being social will not bring you any closer to a diploma and life after high school than hard work and action can.

Become an active partner in your success

Respectfully speak with teachers and guidance counselors to inform them of your goals and plans for success. LISTEN to the advice given before making decisions. Strive to build positive relationships. Always include a parent/guardian in your plan.

Don't Procrastinate

"Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week." ~ Spanish Proverb

Devise a plan or schedule to study. Create an atmosphere that is optimal for your concentration. Don't wait until the day before or day of to get serious. Plan/study your work while it is fresh in your mind. Your best ideas and questions reside there.

Beat the deadline! Do not wait until the last minute to submit things then expect others to readjust the policy, rules, their assignments, and schedule to accommodate you. Examples of this include classwork/makeup work, medical notes, parent excuses, college applications, FASFA, and/or test registration.

Refrain from being disgruntled and/or have parents/guardians communicate negatively with school officials when you have failed to do what is required beforehand. This behavior and practice is dishonorable at Mullins High School

and cannot be tolerated. We strive to teach and mold young leaders for an evolving society. Please conduct yourselves and handle academic affairs in the proper manner.

Be Knowledgeable

Stay abreast of any changes that apply to academic courses, Carnegie Units, attendance, exams, college admissions, and assessments. You AND your parent/guardian should attend your Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meetings or school related events. Don't be afraid to seek clarity when you don't understand. Know your transcript and practice good record keeping. PowerSchool is your friend.

Be Respectful

"I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me... All I ask is that you respect me as a human being." – Jackie Robinson

"I firmly believe that respect is a lot more important, and a lot greater, than popularity." – Julius Erving

School Safety is a Premium

Schools typically should be places where **both teachers and students** feel safe. By and large, most of our schools in this country are doing a very effective job of teaching safety. There are administrators, teachers, staff members, guidance and clinical counselors that are here for you. Our School Resource Officer (SRO) is an excellent extension of the School Safety Program. Use all resources available in order to meet your academic, physical, and emotional needs.

1. Know your school's emergency management crisis plan. Most schools play a critical role in protecting their students and have plan in place.
2. Know the warning signs of peers who may be on the verge of displaying violence. This includes; playing with weapons of any kind, bragging about acts of violence he or she would like to commit, showing an obsession with violent movies, bullying or threatening other people, and cruelty to pets or other animals. If you witness this, talk to a trusted adult on school grounds, a teacher, parent, counselor, or school nurse. They are more likely to hear or witness these things first.
3. Be careful of people on school property who don't seem to belong there. If they appear to be a threat to the safety of the students and/or staff, report them to the principal, SRO, or someone in authority. **This includes parents, former students, or people we may be familiar with. Familiarity does not mean they are free from threat.**
4. If you are aware of other students bringing weapons to school, report it immediately. You can do so anonymously to protect your identity.
5. If someone at school continually makes you feel uncomfortable by; commenting on your body, staring at you in offensive ways, touching, or you

inappropriately; this is considered sexual harassment. If you feel like you are being followed, go to a more populated area and get help.

6. If you find yourself in a situation where you are approached by a person who poses a threat, try to remain calm. Most importantly, learn to trust your instincts. If you feel like something doesn't seem right, it probably is not.

7. If you know of potentially harmful situations that has or may take place at school, report it to the administration immediately.

Teen Talk – Teens and School Safety

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Get Involved! Stay Involved!

At Mullins High School, we desire to see all students seize the opportunities available to develop themselves academically and socially. Each of you are encouraged to participate in one or more of the programs offered at Mullins High School prior to graduation.

Academy of Careers and
Technology (ACT)

Academic Challenge

Afterschool Enrichment

Art

Athletics

- Baseball (Softball)
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Football
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

Band

- Dance/Flag
- Marching

Business Completer Program

Dual Credit

Early College

Future Business Leaders of
America (FBLA)

Honor Societies

- Beta Club
- National Honor Society
- National Science Honor Society

Jobs for America's Graduates
(JAG)

Junior Marshall

Junior Ring Committee

Army JROTC

Math Team

Palmetto Boy's and Girl's State

Prom Committee

Senior Slideshow

Sports Medicine

Student Council

Teacher Cadet

Yearbook Committee

“Graduation”

“You forfeit your chance for life at its fullest when you withhold your best effort in learning. When you give only the minimum to learning, you receive only the minimum in return. Even with your parents’ best example and your teachers’ best efforts, in the end it is your work that determines how much and how well you learn. When you work to your full capacity, you can hope to attain the knowledge and skills that will enable you to create your future and control your destiny. If you do not, you will have your future thrust upon you by others. Take hold of your life, apply your gifts and talents, work with dedication, and self-discipline. Have high expectations for yourself and convert every challenge into an opportunity.”

(A Nation at Risk)

Mullins High School

Jostens 2026-2027

2026

Senior Dates and Deadlines

September 22 @ 10:00	Senior Meeting
October 2	Senior Order Deadline
October 20 @ 11:00-1:00	Senior Day (Pick-up Celebration)

Junior Dates and Deadlines

September 22 @ 8:50	Ring Meeting
October 2	Ring Order Deadline

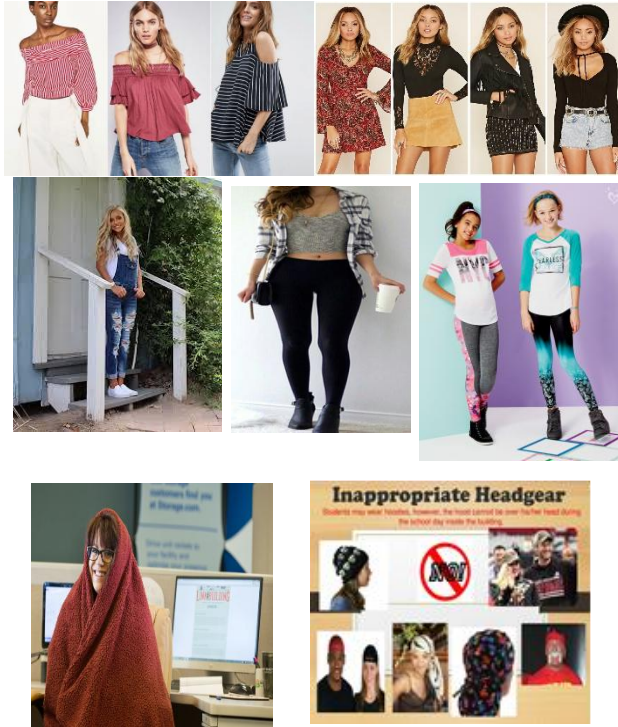
2027

March 12 @ 11:00-1:45	Senior Cap/Gown Delivery
March 24 @ 5:30	Ring Ceremony

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WHAT NOT TO WEAR



MutHS Dress Expectations

Necklines must be above
your armpits

No t-backs or Racer backs
without other layers

Ripped jeans should not show
skin above the knee

No underwear showing at any time

No bare midriffs

Shorts or skirts are mid-thigh
length or longer

Hats/hoodies are off or down
while in school

Sleeveless is
NOT OK

Shoulders must be covered

The language on your clothing
Must be Appropriate

No tank tops without a
shirt or cover up

No slippers, pajamas, or
nightwear



- 👉 No outside food deliveries to school from commercial businesses. Food may be brought from home in your lunch bag and warmed in the microwave provided for you. Examples include: Pizza Hut, Wendy's, BK, etc. However, these items must not be delivered to you during the day.
- 👉 No cell phones are to be out and/or in use at any time of the day. You are not allowed to charge your phones in anyone's classroom.
- 👉 Students may go to the snack machine before school, during lunch, and afterschool.
- 👉 Students are not allowed in the hallway during the first and last 20 minutes of class. The hallways should be clear.
- 👉 Cooperate with all staff members about issues versus being argumentative.
- 👉 All STAFF members are charged with safety and correcting behavior regardless of who you are and role you play in school.
- 👉 **YES**, you are tardy if you are not in your assigned class when the bell rings; end of story.
- 👉 **YES**, the teacher can input a zero in the gradebook by work you haven't submitted as required. Work with them and they will work with you.
- 👉 When the bell rings at the end of the day, clear the building. You must report to your coaches/sponsors if you participate in extracurricular activities or tutorials with scheduled teachers.
- 👉 Comply!

Excellence is Not a Skill, It's an
Attitude!



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