

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

DRESS AND GROOMING POLICY SUMMARY (POLICY #221 - REVISED 7/27/2015)

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The Board recognizes 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 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.

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. All school clothing must be appropriately sized for the child and worn properly. Clothing must not be excessively loose or tight.

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.

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 the enforcement of this policy.

Students may not add to, nor subtract from, the approved student dress policy. Also, student clothing must be maintained in good condition, without holes, rips or tears, or additions. **The following guidelines apply:**

******Pants:** All pants must be solid color, secured at the waist by a belt, snap, button, zipper, or the like. Excessively baggy or tight pants, extra-wide or long pants, military pants (fatigues), sweat pants, wind pants, yoga pants, **leggings** and tight fitting athletic pants are **NOT** permitted. Elementary students may wear sweatpants/wind pants on gym days only. **Leggings may be worn under approved skirts, skorts, and dresses.**

******Skirts, Skorts & Dresses:** Skirt, skort, 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. Dresses do 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.**

******Shorts:** 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, cut-off jean shorts, fatigues or the like are not permitted. Elementary students may wear gym shorts on gym days only.

******Capris:** All capri pants must be of solid color and of a formal/dress style.

******Shirts:** **A button-down, dress, or golf style shirt with a collar or a dress style turtleneck is acceptable.**

Form fitting athletic style turtlenecks are not permissible. Solids, stripes, plaids, and patterns are permissible. Shirts must have sleeves, long or short are acceptable. Shirts may not have more than two buttons unbuttoned at the neck. A t-shirt, long sleeve t-shirt, or turtleneck may be worn underneath an approved shirt.

Scarves may be worn over approved shirts, but wearing scarves over an unapproved shirt is not permissible.

******Sweaters:** 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.

******Sweatshirts:** **Crewneck and collared zip-up sweatshirts in solids, stripes, plaids and patterns are acceptable. Zip-up sweatshirts must be zipped to the bottom of the collarbone unless an approved collared shirt or turtleneck is worn underneath. Hooded sweatshirts are NOT allowed.**

******Shoes:** 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:** sunglasses, winter jackets, coats, other outerwear, hats, bandanas, sweatbands, chains, dog collars, spiked accessories, sheer or see-through clothing, displaying undergarments, and hoop rings in the nose, eyebrow, or lip.

******Logos, Writing, or Pictures:** Clothing may **NOT** have printing, sayings, scenes, or the like unless specifically permitted as described in this policy. Clothing may have Mountain View logos or any approved affiliated logos. Manufacturer logos that identify the manufacturer or brand present on clothing items at the time of purchase that are 3x3 or smaller are permitted. No other self-made, manufactured, or constructed logos are permitted.

******Spirit Days:** On spirit days, both long and short sleeved t-shirts that are solid blue or orange in color, or contain Mountain View logos, or are associated with school affiliated events are permitted. Pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts must comply with the dress code policy. No hoodies of any type are permitted. Spirit days will be conducted every Friday in both the high school and elementary buildings.

VIOLATION OF 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.

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 he/she conforms to the policy. Students whose dress and/or grooming are 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 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 will be contacted, and he/she will be assigned to ISS for the remainder of the school day or until his/her dress is corrected.

******Second Violation** – Students will correct the infraction. Students will be assigned a detention. Parent/Guardian will be called. Students will receive a written notice to be signed by his/her parent/guardian and returned on the next school day. If the student refuses or cannot correct the infraction, he/she 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.

******Third Violation** – Students will be assigned an ISS for the day of the infraction and a subsequent ISS on the next school day. 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.

******Fourth & 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.