

MATHIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT DRESS CODE
2016-2017

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

All Students

- A dress code check will take place during the beginning of every class. Students in violation will be sent to the Principal or other Administrator.
- To avoid substantial disruption of the education process, apparel that contains inflammatory writing or graphics such as nudity, violence, satanic or obscene language will not be permitted. Students will not be permitted to wear clothing that suggests an affiliation or identification with groups that advocate unlawful activities including violence, drug, satanic, alcohol, or tobacco use.
- Apparel that advertises or depicts drug, alcohol or tobacco products is not permitted.
- Students may not wear clothing, which is modified to or displays writing or pictures that suggest or depict sexual activity.
- No hats or caps are to be worn in the academic buildings of the school. When appropriate, caps may be worn but only with the bill of the cap to the front. Hats and caps will be confiscated and not returned until the end of the school year if worn inappropriate or inside the academic buildings unless worn for medical purposes.
- Hairstyles or colors of a bizarre, disruptive or offensive nature are prohibited.
- Designs cut in hair, braids or feathers braided into hair are prohibited.
- Shirts may be worn untucked as long as the shirt is squared-off at the bottom and no part of shirt extends past the fingertips when arms are extended down the sides of the body.
- Shirts may not be worn if any of the student's midriff shows when the student's arms are raised above the head.
- Shorts may be worn, but must be hemmed and be no shorter than 3-inches above the knee.
- Pants/jeans may not be baggy or saggy or exceed four (4) inches of excess fabric at the thigh; this rule to be interpreted at the principal's discretion.
- All students must wear shoes, flip flops are not allowed.
- Students may not wear cut-off pants or swim suits.
- Students may not wear ragged apparel or clothing. Clothing worn that has unnecessary holes or cuts into the garment are not permissible including those worn with an undergarment beneath them.
- All pants, jeans, and skirts must be worn at the waistline.
- Students may not wear sun glasses or colored glasses that obscure the eyes and interfere with the ability to make eye-to-eye contact. They are permitted only as a medical requirement verified by a medical provider's written statement.

- Students are not allowed to wear see-through clothing.
- Tank tops and muscle shirts are not allowed. Undershirts are permitted only if covered by another non-underwear type shirt. Vests may be worn over sleeved shirts.
- Students are not allowed to wear tightly fitting tops or tops that expose the student's midriff or that have a low cut front, side or back.
- Form fitting shirts, blouses, pants and tights of any materials are not acceptable.
- Oversized jackets and long coats must be taken off upon arrival at school. This rule to be interpreted at the Principal's discretion.
- Grooming paraphernalia will be confiscated for six weeks if used in the classroom.
- Students in violation of the dress code will be given temporary appropriate attire from the office.
- Tattoos that show must be covered at all times during the school day or school function.

Female Students

- Earrings are permitted, but jewelry may not be worn in any pierced area of the body except the ear. Gauges are not permissible.
- Skirts, skorts and dresses may be worn no shorter than three inches above the knee cap. Measurement will be done by a district employee of the same gender as the student.
- Capris or Capri style pants are permissible if the length is below the knees.
- Sleeveless blouses/dresses must be a minimum of three inches wide at the shoulder. No tank tops or spaghetti straps are permitted.

Male Students

- Sleeveless and/or mesh athletic-type jerseys must have a tee shirt worn underneath.
- Shirts must be buttoned.
- Loose fitting pants will be pulled to the waist and belted.
- Hair must be groomed and clean.
- Highlighting of boys' hair is prohibited.
- Cutting more than one part into the hair must result in the layer lengths having a difference of no more than two inches.
- Hair must be cut as not to touch the eyebrows in front or extend beyond the top of the collar of a standard shirt in back. Additionally boys' hair may not exceed the top of the ear. Hair may not be pinned, curled, or gelled up to avoid this rule.
- Sideburns may not be below the earlobe.
- Faces will be clean shaven. Students will serve 30 minutes detention for second and subsequent infractions. Detention will be served after school with the principal.
- Boys are prohibited from wearing ponytails, rattails, mohawks, etc.
- Earrings, facial and body ornaments/piercing of any type are prohibited. Gauges are not permissible. Item(s) will be confiscated for six weeks.

Special dress requirements may be imposed for activities that require a uniform dress pattern. These activities include athletics, band and other musical groups and/or special teams. Where dress and attire are deemed a factor in safety and accident prevention, such as shop classes,

labs and activity classes, additional requirements may be imposed by the teacher or director of such activities. Aside from these situations, groups and/or teams, this dress code will be in effect for all school and school related activities.

It should be kept in mind that it is impossible to write a dress code policy that is inclusive of every type of situation that might arise. It is the discretion of the MHS Administration to interpret situations that are not specifically covered in the dress code policy and to make decisions as to whether or not an infraction has occurred.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be given proper dress code attire (t-shirt/warm-up bottoms) in order to minimize the loss of instructional time. Parents or designees will not be called to bring an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Should you have any questions about the dress code please do not hesitate to contact the campus principal.

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