

Dress Code

Goal: Students at Mountain View High School are expected to dress in a manner that is supportive of a positive learning environment that is free of distractions and disruptions. There is a direct correlation between student dress and student behavior. Appropriately, dressed students behave appropriately. Students will be expected to observe modes of dress, styles of hair, and personal grooming that support the "Expect Excellence in Everything" atmosphere at MVHS.

Code: Any form of dress, hairstyle, or makeup which is considered contrary to good hygiene or which is distracting or disruptive to the educational process will not be permitted. **STYLES THAT ARE "POPULAR" ARE NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTABLE AT MVHS;** therefore, as styles change, so may restrictions. Parents are asked to assist the school by regularly monitoring their student's dress.

The following are specific areas that are addressed: (This list is not all inclusive)

1. Clothing shall fit appropriately. Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist at all times and not be so large that the crotch sags. No "muscle" shirts and/or undershirts cut like muscle shirts are acceptable. No sleeveless shirts may be worn or any type of clothing that exposes the armpits.
2. In accordance with GCPS Board policy of "zero tolerance" of weapons, gangs, and drugs, clothing shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or art work. This includes but is not limited to offensive words and designs, violence (blood, death, and weapons), sex, Playboy symbols, hate groups, tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol.
3. Clothing which is associated with gang activity is not acceptable. Students are not allowed to display clothing or symbols that have been identified by the Gwinnett County Police Gang Task Force as being commonly identified with criminal gangs. Garments, jewelry, body art and tattoos that communicate criminal gang allegiance are not to be displayed or worn at school, and no item may be worn in a manner that communicates criminal gang affiliation. Criminal gang-related attire includes but is **NOT** limited to the following:
Wearing clothes in an asymmetrical pattern such as rolling up one pant leg, wearing a dominant color every day of the week, long bulky chains and necklaces, gang-style belt buckles, jerseys with numbers 8, 13, 14, or 88 (or any other numbers that have been deemed as gang related), large oversized pendants or necklaces and chains, bandannas, altering clothing from its original form to change the names and/or intended marking on the clothing, sweatbands and/or headbands, draping articles of clothing, towels, or other objects out of pants pockets or over the shoulder or neck area.
Any additional clothing or symbols that are identified as gang related may be added to this dress code policy. A current and up-to-date copy of the dress code can be located in Mountain View High School's main office or on Mountain View High School's website (<http://www.mtnviewhigh.org>).
4. Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses may **NOT** be any **shorter than the length of a student agenda book from the BOTTOM of the knee (regardless of leggings)** No skirts with revealing splits. Any clothing that is immodest, excessively sagging or too short are not permitted ("sagging"). **Gym/track/cheerleader shorts are NOT permitted.**
5. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair color or style that distracts from the learning environment is not permitted. Combs, picks, or brushes are not to be worn in the hair at any time.
6. All types of head coverings, visors, hats, scarves, do-rags, and sunglasses are **prohibited** while on school property **between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** This includes, but is not limited to, the parking lot, the trailer area, in front of the school, and inside the school. These items will be collected and will have to be picked up by a parent/guardian if brought on campus during these hours. Mountain View High School is not responsible for the loss of any collected items.
7. The following articles of clothing are **NOT** to be worn at MVHS: bare midriff clothing, halter tops, strapless tops, backless tops, racer back tops spaghetti straps, tank tops, sleeveless shirts, athletic spandex/stretch pants of any length, excessively revealing clothing or clothing which exposes undergarments in any way; see through clothing, low-cut/revealing shirts, low-cut pants which expose the midriff area, pajamas or sleepwear of any type, chains, and dog collars/studs/spikes.
8. Shoes must be worn on campus at all times. Bedroom slippers/shoes are not acceptable.

Procedures:

The classroom teacher has the authority and responsibility to determine appropriate appearance within his/her classroom. This includes any other attention getting or unnatural appearance the teacher finds distracting or disruptive.

1. Students in violation of the dress code will receive a dress code referral. The student will be asked to change clothes OR call a parent to bring appropriate clothes. If this is not possible, the student will remain in In-School Suspension until appropriate dress becomes available or until the end of the day.

2. Penalty is at the discretion of the administration to include but not limited to: warning, detention, in school suspension, Saturday school, and suspension from school for 1 to 9 days, or referral to disciplinary panel.

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