



## **Blue Mountain Dress Code Changes for 2017-18**

### **Secondary Dress & Grooming**

The following dress and grooming guidelines apply to all students in grades 6-12:

1. Bottoms – Acceptable/Permitted:

- a. Casual/dress/corduroy pants of a solid color (except florescent and neon colors).
- b. Pants should be straight-legged or boot-cut (flared) with a fitted waist.
- c. Shorts and skorts of a solid color (except florescent and neon colors) must be worn at or about knee-length (within two (2) inches).
- d. Dress policy bottoms must be sized to fit the student, not too tight or too baggy.
- e. Dress policy bottoms must be worn secured at the waist and may not drag on the floor.
- f. Solid color (except florescent and neon colors) Capri pants at or below the knee are permitted.
- g. Solid color (except florescent and neon colors) skirts or jumpers are permitted that are knee-length or longer. Skirts must fit comfortably and be free of pockets below the hips, loops, straps and other comparable adornments.
- h. Blue jeans/Blue denim pants, shorts, skorts or skirts.

2. Bottoms – Unacceptable/Not Permitted:

- a. Cargo/Carpenter-style pants or shorts with pockets below the hips, loops, straps, elastic ankles or other comparable adornments.
- b. Extra-wide, extra-long, baggy, or sagging pants and shorts.
- c. Pants with extreme bell bottoms.
- d. Athletic attire (sweat pants, spandex pants, athletic pants, stirrup pants, wind pants, nylon pants).
- e. Ripped pants/shorts or pants/shorts with holes.
- f. Pants, shorts, or skirts worn so as to expose undergarments will be in defiance of the dress policy.
- g. Skirts may not have any slits that extend more than two (2) inches above the knee.

- h. Leggings may not be worn separately as dress policy bottoms but may be worn under dress code appropriate skirts.

3. Tops – Acceptable/Permitted:

- a. A regulation shirt must be worn at all times and is defined as one of the following:
  - i. Polo-style shirt with a collar.
  - ii. Oxford-style button down shirt or blouse with a collar.
  - iii. Turtleneck or mock turtleneck shirt.
- b. Layers may be worn over top or underneath the regulation shirt.
  - i. Sweaters including vests and pullovers with V-necks or crewnecks are permitted.
  - ii. Cardigans with zippers or buttons are permitted.
  - iii. Sweatshirts without hoods and without pockets below the chest are permitted.
  - iv. Fleece pullovers with an approved shirt underneath.
  - v. Blue Mountain activity blue and white pullover is acceptable with an approved shirt underneath.
  - vi. Mesh, sheer or crocheted tops may be worn with an approved shirt underneath.
- c. All tops, including the regulation shirt and layers, must be without designs, slogans or pictures.
- d. All tops must be appropriately sized.
- e. All tops with buttons must be buttoned up to the collar bone.
- f. Either the regulation shirt or the layer must have sleeves which cover the shoulders.
- g. Only a Blue Mountain School District logo or logo from a Blue Mountain School District activity shall be permitted on tops. A Blue Mountain patch may be fully secured (sewn) over top of a manufacturers' logo.

4. Tops – Unacceptable/Not Permitted:

- a. Hoods on tops are not permitted. Hooded sweatshirts and other hooded layers may be worn as outerwear, but removed upon entry to the building.
- b. Manufacturers' logos may not be visible. Logos, designs and embroidery may not be covered with tape or pins.

- c. Tops that are not tucked in should not extend below the hips.
- d. Shirts may not be see-through.
- e. Undergarments may not be visible.
- f. Tops may not be worn inappropriately (not tied around the waist nor shoulders).
- g. Examples of tops that are not permitted: Tank tops, T-shirts, graphic T's, sleeveless tops, mesh tops, sheer tops, bare midriff or any other garments that expose the upper torso.
- h. Examples of tops that are not permitted to be worn alone: mesh, sheer, crochet or any other type of solid see-through material.

5. Dresses/Jumpers – Acceptable/Permitted:

- a. Dresses are permitted that meet the dress policy guidelines for tops, including colors, collars, sleeves, buttons, logos, and sizing.
- b. Dresses/Jumpers are permitted that are knee-length or longer.
- c. Jumpers are permitted that meet the dress policy guidelines for color and sizing. A dress policy appropriate shirt must be worn under all jumpers.

6. Footwear – Acceptable/Permitted:

- a. Footwear must be closed-toed and closed-heeled.
- b. If footwear is designed to have laces, the laces must be in the footwear and tied.

7. Footwear – Unacceptable/Not Permitted:

- a. Flip-flops, beachwear, sandals, slippers, and footwear with wheels are not permitted.
- b. No open-toes or open-heels on shoes.
- c. Footwear with heels greater than two (2) inches in height.

8. Accessories:

- a. Belts are permitted.
- b. Neckties and scarves are permitted.
- c. Socks, stockings, tights, and leggings of any color, pattern or design are permitted.
- d. Students are not permitted to wear wallet chains of any length.

- e. Accessories/Jewelry worn in piercings may only be worn in the ears.
- f. Accessories/Jewelry in all other pierced areas (such as the nose, brow, or lip) must be removed or covered. Clear plastic spacers may be placed in piercings.
- g. Jewelry and belts that could be dangerous, such as dog collars, spiked necklaces, spiked bracelets, spiked belts, or jewelry/belts that contain studs or rivets are prohibited.
- h. Students are not permitted to wear headgear of any type (with the exception of barrettes, accessorized headbands, or religious wear), including but not limited to hats, bandanas, sweatbands, hoods, and kerchiefs.
- i. Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn inside the school building unless required by an attending physician.
- j. Suspenders are not permitted.
- k. Accessories deemed to be distracting, disruptive or offensive in nature are prohibited.

#### 9. Specialized Education Settings/Physical Education Classes

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, shop classes, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student

#### 10. Additional Guidelines

No visible designer emblems or manufacturers' logos or tags are allowed on tops except for the Blue Mountain School District logo or the logo of Blue Mountain School District activities.

Underclothing is not permitted to be seen through outer clothing.

Outerwear clothing, such as coats, hats, and gloves, must be removed upon entry into the building and stored in a locker or coat area. Jackets, coats, hooded sweatshirts and other outerwear should not be worn during school hours inside the school. Outerwear, including hats, may be worn for outdoor recess.

No students shall wear any apparel or jewelry that by words, signs, pictures, or any combination thereof, promotes the illicit use of drugs or alcohol, is profane or vulgar, or is likely to lead to substantial disruption in school.

#### Opt-Out Procedure

1. New Enrollment – Upon enrollment in the Blue Mountain School District, new students will be granted a grace period of one (1) week before being required to conform to the dress policy.

2. Medical or Religious Exemption – Parents or legal guardians who object to the policy based on religious or medical grounds must present to the building principal a signed letter detailing the reason for the objection. The parent or legal guardian and the building principal will meet to discuss the exemption. Requests for this exemption must be submitted annually.
3. Military – Students participating in the United States Military may request to wear their dress uniform in school. Written requests should be made to the Superintendent.