

**Blue Mountain School District
Dress Code Grades 6-12**

Dress Policy

Purpose:

The Board recognizes its paramount obligation to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the students who enter the schools. The Board further recognizes its responsibility to maintain a positive learning environment in the schools under its jurisdiction and to minimize the opportunity for distraction and/or disruption. The Board believes that a dress policy will address the issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of the students attending its schools and will further aid in the maintenance of a positive learning environment.

Authority:

Although the School Code does not require that the reasons or justification be stated by any local Board of School Directors, the reasons for adoption of this policy include, but are not limited to:

- Increase school safety
- Promotion of a positive work ethic
- Promotion of civility and respect
- Decrease the distractions of teasing, bullying, hazing, and/or other harassment

Delegation of Responsibility:

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy, which designates the building administrators to monitor student dress and grooming in the building and enforce school rules concerning dress and grooming in accordance with the district's discipline policy. School administrators have the final responsibility for interpretation and enforcement. School administrators may use their discretion to designate specific days that permit students to wear other types of clothing.

Applicability:

All students will be subject to this dress policy. All students must report to school on a daily basis attired in compliance with the provisions of this dress policy. There is to be no changing of clothes in school or on any school property prior to the beginning of the school day, or at the end of the school day, unless it is for physical education, sports teams, extracurricular activities, or as authorized by the building administration. The dress policy shall be in effect during the regular school year, during regular school hours and at any school-sponsored event during regular school hours.

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

1. Bottoms- Unacceptable/Not permitted:

- a. Extra-wide, extra-long, baggy, or sagging pants and shorts.
- b. Rips, holes, or patches in pants.
- c. Shorts, skirts and skorts that are shorter than fingertip length when arms are held at side
- d. All bottoms worn so as to expose undergarments.
- e. Pajama pants

2. Tops- Unacceptable/Not Permitted:

- a. Hooded sweatshirts and other hooded layers may be worn as outerwear, but must be removed upon entry into the building. These hooded sweatshirts should remain in the students' lockers during the course of the school day and will remain there until dismissal time.
- b. Shirts may not be see-through.
- c. Undergarments must not be visible.
- d. Tops may not be worn inappropriately (not tied around the waist or shoulders)
- e. Examples of tops that are not permitted: tank tops, sleeveless tops, mesh tops, scoop neck shirts, v-neck shirts, sheer tops, bare midriff or any other garments with a plunging neck line that expose the upper torso.
- f. Jackets, coats, and/or other outerwear (examples being hats, gloves, mittens, etc.) are not permitted to be worn during the school day.
- g. Tops with imprinted messages pertaining to drugs or alcohol, gun or weapon-related apparel, gang related, vulgar, obscene or profane pictures, words, or phrases, and slogans with double meanings of political messages or racially/ethnically offensive messages.
- h. Rips, holes or patches

3. Footwear- Unacceptable/Not Permitted:

- a. Flip-flops, beachwear, sandals, slippers, and footwear with wheels.
 - b. Open toes or open heels on shoes
 - c. Footwear with heels greater than two (2) inches in height.
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4. Accessories- Unacceptable/Not Permitted:

- a. Wallets with chains of any length.
- b. Jewelry and belts that could be dangerous, such as dog collars, spiked necklaces, spiked belts, safety pins, or jewelry that contain studs or rivets
- c. Headwear that include the following: hats, bandanas, hoods, kerchiefs, and do-rags. This does not include headwear for religious purposes
- d. Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn inside the school building unless required by an attending physician.
- e. Suspenders
- f. Accessories deemed to be distracting, disruptive, or offensive in nature.
- g. Any attire worn as a cape

5. Specialized Education Settings/Physical Education Classes

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

6. Additional guidelines

- a. Outerwear, including hats, may be worn for outdoor physical education and/or class activities.

7. Opt-Out Procedure

- a. 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.
- b. Medical or Religious Exemption- Parents or legal guardians who object to the policy based on religious or medical grounds must present to the building administration a signed letter detailing the reason for the objection. The parent or legal guardian and the building administration will meet to discuss the exemption. Requests for this exemption must be submitted annually.
- c. 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.

Discipline Infractions of the Dress Code

1st offense- Phone home for replacement garment and may remain in the office until appropriate garment is secured.

2nd offense- Phone home for replacement garment and remain in the office until appropriate garment is secured and a detention.

3rd offense- Phone home for replacement garment and remain in the office until appropriate garment is secured and either a Saturday detention or two days of detention.

4th offense- Phone home for replacement garment and remain in the office until appropriate garment is secured and one day of in-school suspension.

5th offense- Phone home for replacement garment and remain in the office until appropriate garment is secured and three days of in-school suspension.

*****Administrators on a building level have the authority to judge the appropriateness and safety of apparel and/or appearance*****

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Electronic devices including, but not limited to, cellular phones, iPods, MP-3s, radios, personal stereos, tape/CD players, beepers, pagers, scanners, two-way radios, portable telephones, electronic games, and video cameras, Smart Watches, etc. are not permitted during school hours.

Cell Phones – Students may possess cell phones on the campus or while participating in school events, and are subject to the following restrictions:

1. The power to the cell phone must be turned off during the school day and while the student is a participant in a school event.
2. The cell phone may not be visible at any time.

The school day is considered to begin when the student arrives on the campus and extends until dismissal at the end of the day. Students may not initiate or receive cell phone calls during the school day or while participating in school events without the expressed permission of school officials. Repeated violations will be treated as defiance.
