

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The responsibility for the dress and appearance of students enrolled in the Montrose School District primarily rests with parents/guardians and the students themselves. However, some student apparel may not be appropriate to wear to school even though that same apparel may be appropriate to wear in other settings. In general, students shall not dress or groom themselves in a manner that causes a disruption, poses a significant risk of a disruption to the orderly operation of the school, or subject other students to the presence of inappropriate clothing being worn at school.

One of the main objectives of the Montrose School District is to assist students in presenting themselves in a manner that promotes a positive and productive school environment, personal pride, academic success, and also to ensure the right of all students to not be subjected to inappropriate clothing worn by other students. The school, as a center of learning, shall provide for the development of habits and attitudes conducive to acceptable wearing apparel, and good grooming. Wearing apparel shall not be of the type that would detract from the primary purpose of the school, which is academic instruction, nor shall accessories carried by student to school be disrupting to the conduct of the school, have the potential of creating a serious risk of disruption, or hazardous to student welfare. Student's dress shall be modest, neat, clean, and in keeping with health, sanitary, and safety practices.

Inappropriate clothing and appearance are disruptive to the school program and Principal's or Principal designees shall enforce compliance with this policy by those students within their jurisdiction. When it is determined that a student's clothing does not comply with the dress code, the student will be required to cover or change the article of clothing and a parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school. The student may, with parental/guardian permission, be sent home in order to change clothes. If the student refuses to cover the inappropriate clothing or is unable to change into appropriate clothing, the student will be placed in in-school suspension for the remainder of the school day. In addition, the student will also receive a disciplinary consequence for violating the school's dress code policy.

This policy does not apply to clothing provided to students by the school for student school activities.

Violations of this Policy:

Violations of this policy shall be addressed with the following consequences:

First Offense:

A warning will be issued to the student and will be recorded as a first offense.

The student will be required to cover or change the article of clothing or the parent/guardian of student will be called asking them to bring an appropriate change of clothing. The student with parental/guardian permission may be sent home in order to change clothing. Any class time missed will be an unexcused absence. If for any reason a student refuses to comply with the directive to cover or change the inappropriate clothing the student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day and is subject to Short-Term Suspension.

Second Offense:

Parents/Guardians will be notified that their student has had a second offense of not following the proper dress code. The student will be required to cover or change the article of clothing or the parent/guardian of student will be called asking them to bring an appropriate change of clothing. The student with parental/guardian permission may be sent home in order to change clothing. Any class time missed will be an unexcused absence. The student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day. If for any reason a student refuses any of the above consequences the parents/guardians of that student will be notified and the student will be sent home that day as an unexcused absence and will be subject to Short Term Suspension.

Third Offense and Subsequent Offenses:

Parents/Guardians will be notified that their student has had a third offense of not following the proper dress code. The student will be required to cover or change the article of clothing or the parent/guardian of student will be called asking them to bring an appropriate change of clothing. The student with parental/guardian permission may be sent home in order to change clothing. Any class time missed will be an unexcused absence. The student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day. The student will be subject to Short Term Suspension for a Third Offense and subsequent offenses will subject the student to Long Term Suspension or Expulsion. If for any reason a student refuses any of the above consequences the parents/guardians of that student will be notified and the student will be sent home that day as an unexcused absence and will be subject to Expulsion.

Student Dress Code General Guidelines:

1. Undergarments may not be exposed.
2. The size of shirts and blouses shall be appropriate to the student's body size and shall not be unduly oversized or undersized.
3. Spaghetti straps and tank tops with appropriate neck lines, may be worn with an outer shirt covering, but may not be worn alone.
4. Halter-tops, midriff tops, tube tops, or clothing that exposes the upper torso are not allowed.
5. The size of the pants/jeans shall be appropriate to the student's body size and shall not be unduly "oversized and/or undersized."
6. Students may wear hemmed walking shorts, athletic shorts or Bermuda shorts but they cannot be shorter than the tip of the thumb when both arms are extended by the side.
7. Garments must be pulled up high enough to cover undergarments and backside.
8. The hem of girl's skirts or dresses shall not be shorter than the tip of the thumb when both arms are extended by the side

9. Hooded sweatshirts will be allowed, but hoods of any type are not allowed to be up in the building.

10. All students shall wear appropriate shoes/footwear (no slippers).

11. Wearing and displaying any items that identify gang activity or gang association is prohibited (as gang activity/affiliation is determined by law enforcement).

12. Clothing encouraging the use of drugs, alcohol, or violence and clothing which refers to sexual conduct is prohibited.

13. Clothing associated with discrimination on the basis of age, color, handicap, national origin, marital status, race, religion, or sex is prohibited.

14. Clothing (or lack thereof) exposing any portion of the torso or upper thighs such as see-through garments, mini-skirts, or mini-dresses, halters, or backless dresses is prohibited.

15. Tube tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps or shirts and blouses that have necklines so low that they are provocative, are not allowed.

16. The mid section of the body shall have no skin exposed at any time.

17. Spandex-style "bicycle" shorts are not permitted.

18. Overalls worn with one or both straps unfastened are prohibited.

19. The wearing of sunglasses, gloves, caps, stocking caps, hoods, scarves, hairnets, or bandanas is prohibited from the time classes begin to the time classes end during the school day.

20. The wearing of trench coats by students during school hours and at school activities is strictly prohibited.

Exemptions to the Dress Code Policy:

Exemptions to the Dress Code Policy shall be permitted by the Principal upon appropriate documentation:

In the event the wearing of clothing in compliance with the Dress Code violates a student's sincerely held religious belief, or materially impacts a student's documented medical condition, then such student and the student's parent/guardian shall submit a signed affidavit setting forth the religious or medical issue and the requested exemption to the Dress Code Policy. The Principal may request additional documentation to substantiate the requested exemption and the student and student's parent/guardian shall provide the additional documentation as requested. The Principal, within the reasonable exercise of his or her discretion, shall determine if an exemption to the Dress Code Policy is appropriate, and communicate that decision to the student and student's parent/guardian.

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