

Montgomery County High School

DRESS CODE POLICY 2017-18

In order to maintain the learning environment Montgomery County High School, a standard dress code policy has been established for students. Students are expected to dress in clothing appropriate for the season and for the school setting or activity in which they are present. Students violating the policy will be required to obtain suitable clothing and may be subject to disciplinary action. **ALL teachers will be responsible for monitoring student dress from 1st Block through 4th Block.** The administration reserves the right to disallow any clothing it deems unsuitable and that disrupts the learning process. **All policies pertain to both male and female students.**

Any student wearing clothing that is deemed to be inappropriate or disruptive to the learning environment will be asked to change or cover up objectionable clothing. Parents will be called to provide appropriate clothing to the student or he/ she will be sent home to change. If neither of the above is possible, the Youth Service Center may be notified to provide a temporary change of clothing if available. Students going home to change must follow the sign-out procedure. **Repeated failure to comply with teacher, staff, or administrative requests regarding dress code policy will result in disciplinary referral.**

The following articles of clothing and accessories are prohibited:

- Hats, toboggans, hoods, or other head coverings (bandanas, wraps, etc.) and sunglasses are not to be brought into the school building.
- No clothing or accessories (i.e. bracelets, backpacks, notebooks, belts and/or buckles) are to be worn that state, imply, or promote obscene language, tobacco, drug, and/ or alcohol use, sexually suggestive slogans and/ or depictions, racial, violent, gang-related, or socially offensive images or language.
- Accessories (spikes, dog collars, etc.) that may be used a weapon or piercings that are deemed a safety hazard are not permitted.
- Clothing that is excessively revealing, extremely tight fitting, or that attracts undue attention may not be worn.
- Clothing that exposes underwear or the body, including, but not limited to, cleavage and the midriff, low rider pants, tops with spaghetti straps, strapless tops, halter tops, open back shirts or dresses, muscle shirts, tank tops, or

basketball jerseys (tops must pass the “three finger rule” for width across both shoulders) may not be worn.

- See-through or mesh shirts, tops, dresses, slacks, or shorts are not to be worn unless they are worn over other clothing.
- Pants or shorts that contain holes or slits are not permitted.
- Pajama bottoms, pajama tops, and/ or house shoes are not permitted.
- Spandex pants, leggings, yoga pants, and tights may not be worn without an appropriate dress, sweater, or top that covers the torso.
- Shorts, dresses, and skirts that are immodest and/ or shorter in length than the mid-thigh are not permitted.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.

Photo Examples of Acceptable Mid-thigh Length Attire



Note: Administrative discretion will apply to the dress code policy and the administration reserves the right to make the final decision on all clothing.

- **1st Offense** – Warning by administration and mandatory change of clothes
- **2nd Offense** – 1 Hour Detention, change of clothes, and parent contact
- **3rd Offense and Beyond** – Administrative Referral