

2016-2017 Student Handbook

Dress and Grooming Policy

We know school has begun and in spite of student meetings and published information, some students still have questions regarding our appropriate dress code. Therefore, we wanted to ensure that you have the same information students have been made aware of regarding dress code. Please take the time to review the Intermediate dress code policy below. Students who are out of dress code will have the opportunity to call you to get a change of clothes. At our campus, if a student is in violation of MISD's Intermediate Dress Code Policy, they may resolve the situation immediately by changing into their PE clothes, if the PE clothes are dress code compliant. PE clothes purchased from MLIS will be dress code compliant. Once the issue is resolved the student may return to class.

If the student is unable to resolve the situation by changing into PE clothes, the student will return to class but with a consequence, see conduct Signings below. The first dress code violation each grading period will be a warning. Each subsequent dress code violation will result in a disciplinary signing with cumulative consequences as addressed in the LEOPARD CODE of conduct.

If you would like to view the Intermediate handbook and the dress code policy, see page 42 of the following link. The Intermediate dress code is below for your convenience:

<http://www.mansfieldisd.org/uploaded/schools/assets/interhandbook.pdf>

DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Pants, shorts, skorts, dresses and skirts that will not stay up are inappropriate. No sagging!
- A belt is required if pants, shorts, skorts, dresses and skirts will not stay up on their own.
- Pants, shorts, skorts, dresses and skirts must fit at the waist and the inseam.
- From the front and back shorts, dresses, skorts, and skirts must be no shorter than 5 inches above the top of the knee, including the slit. No cut-offs or body suits will be allowed.
- Spandex, lycra, tights, leggings, jeggings nor yoga style clothing will be allowed, only if under pants, shorts, skorts, dresses and skirts that are deemed school appropriate. Shorts must be hemmed.
- Unintentional or intentionally cut, frayed hems, or holes in clothing will not be allowed.
- Halter, tube, tank, see-through, and sleeveless tops are not allowed. Additionally, tops with large armholes, low cut (front or back) tops or tops revealing the middle section of the body are not permitted.
- Tops that are sleeveless MUST measure 3 inches or more across the shoulder.
- Pajama bottoms, underwear, muscle shirts, half shirts or any clothing similar to undergarments will not be worn in a manner in which it is visible.

- Students will not wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, suggestive, vulgar, or obscene, or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, pornography or any other prohibited substance.
- Caps, hats, berets, sunglasses and wallet chains are not to be worn during the school day without prior approval from campus administration. Headbands, bandannas, and gang related apparel will not be worn on campus.
- Students will wear shoes. Any shoes not considered safe should not be worn to school. House shoes/slippers may not be worn. (Shoes with cleats or wheels may not be worn.)
- Hairstyles and colors that are distracting will not be allowed.

The campus administration has the authority to determine any appropriateness of dress of students on that individual campus, pursuant to these policies. The final decision with regard to dress code rests with the campus principal as does the corrective actions.

We sincerely thank you for your support and everything you do!

Leopard Code Discipline Hierarchy*

- 1 signing – Warning and Parent Contact
- 2 signings – Parent Contact and 1 day recess detention**
- 3 signings – Team Conference/Parent Contact and 2 days recess detention**
- 4 signings – 1-hour After School Detention/Parent Contact
- 5 signings – 2 1-hour After School Detentions/Parent Contact
- 6 signings – Office Referral/Parent Contact

Referral Hierarchy

- Referral #1 – up to 3 days lunch/recess detention
- Referral #2 – 3-5 days lunch/recess detention or up to 3 days AC
- Referral #3 – up to 3 days AC
- Referral #4 – up to 4 days AC
- Referral #5 – up to 5 days AC
- Referral #6 – up to 3 days out-of-school suspension

Report Card Class Conduct Grades *(Per Teacher)

- E = 0-1 signings
- S = 2 signings
- N = 3 signings
- U = 4 or more signings or a referral