

**MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193**  
**MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO**

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**DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS & PROHIBITED ITEMS LIST**

The Mountain Home School District has the responsibility of establishing a school environment that enhances the teaching/learning process. Parents and students also share in this responsibility. In an effort to provide a safe and orderly school environment, and in response to a desire to keep district schools free from threats or harmful influences of any individual or groups that advocate substance abuse, violence, or disruptive behavior, the following Dress Code procedure and a list of Prohibited Items will be in effect in all district schools.

**DRESS CODE:**

The basic rule to be followed will be that clothing must be in good taste, following community and school standards in attire. Students and staff are expected to dress in a clean, neat, modest, and safe manner. Inappropriate attire is defined as dressing in manner that disrupts the educational process, threatens the learning environment, or endangers the health or safety of students, or any other persons. A formal school setting will be maintained and proper clothing worn by students will assist in maintaining this atmosphere. Students dressing in a manner that disrupts school, or contributes to a safety hazard, will be referred to the school administration. Students will be asked to remove, or cover, inappropriate clothing. If this is not possible, those students will be sent home following notification of parents. Incidents involving dress code violations will be handled on an individual basis.

1. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.
2. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be appropriate for the school setting. Determination of appropriateness will be at the building administrators discretion or is a disruption to the education process.
3. Garments, or jewelry, with slogans or pictures promoting the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any illegal substance will not be allowed. Obscene, vulgar, or offensive messages of any kind on clothing or person are not allowed.
4. Garments such as halter-tops, bare midriffs, tube tops, see-through tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, pajamas (loungewear), and plunging necklines (front and/or back) are not allowed.
5. Hats or other headgear will not be worn in the school building. Headgear worn to school must be immediately remove upon entering a building and stored in a locker or backpack. Hats or headgear will be confiscated if worn inside a building.
6. Jewelry which may present a safety hazard or which may present a distraction in the school is not suitable for school wear.

7. Bracelets and/or neck bracelets, chokers, etc., that have spikes or studs, either blunted, flat, or pointed, will not be allowed.
8. Chains of any size, either worn or attached to clothing or body, are strictly prohibited.
9. Gang attire, or clothing worn in a manner to denote gang allegiance, is strictly prohibited.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS LIST:**

In the interest of protection the health, safety, and educational opportunity of all district students, the following items are prohibited from all schools in the Mountain Home School District without permission from building administration.

1. Electronic devices and other items of distraction.
2. Gambling devices.
3. Drugs, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape/vaping materials and mechanisms, inhalants, cigarette lighters, matches, tobacco products, and look-a-likes.
4. Explosive devices, including firecrackers, fireballs, cherry bombs, stink bombs, etc. (See *School Safety and Discipline Policy*.)
5. Weapons, look-a-like weapons, guns, knives, screwdrivers, and/or other dangerous items.
6. Gang identification paraphernalia, such as beepers, rags/bandannas, plastic hands, etc.
7. Animals, pets, etc.
8. Medications or pills of any kind are prohibited without written permission of parents/guardians for students in grades K-6. (See Medications Policy.)
9. Beverage containers, spray cans, perfume, etc.

These basic Dress Code and Prohibited Items List do not infringe on student's rights to freedom of expression, but rather encourage students to dress for success and come to school properly prepared to participate in the educational process.

Students who feel they have been treated in an unfair manner may follow the procedures stated in the district's *Student Grievance Policy*.

Your support and cooperation are imperative to provide a safe and orderly environment in which your children can learn.

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