Dress Code Guide SY2021-2022

**BE CONSISTENT** in enforcing the Dress Code rules

**BE PROFESSIONAL** by maintaining the dignity of each student

**Head Gear and Accessories**

- Scarves, bonnets, bandannas and head wraps **are NOT** permitted within the building (the crown of the head should be exposed and headbands should be no more than 2 inches thick from the start of the hairline and back)
- Hats, caps, durags and hoodies **should be removed upon entering the building and will NOT be permitted** to remain on top of the head (this is also true for holidays or themed celebrations)
- If wearing masks related to COVID19, be sure language and symbols displayed are school appropriate
- Jewelry and accessories with sharp and pointy edges can be considered as weapons - no brass knuckles allowed
- Headphones — **are PERMITTED** during transitions but be mindful of your surroundings (one earbud in and one out is highly suggested). Headphones **are permitted** with proper documentation for those with medical or sensory needs.

*religious headwear and coverings are PERMITTED

**Jeans, Skirts and Bottoms/Other**

- Ripped jeans are **PERMITTED** for males and females when the highest rip or slit is below 8 inches when measured from the base of the knee and upwards (spandex shorts, leggings or other material should be worn underneath additional rips for covering)
- Leggings **are PERMITTED** when the shirt or top being worn covers both the front and rear private areas fully
- Dresses and Skirts should not rise higher than the 8-inch rule (not fingertips) when measured from the base of the knee upwards. Be mindful these can hike up from behind on their own or due to bookbags pulling at them leading to inappropriate exposure.
- Mesh, fishnet stockings or tights worn underneath a skirt should also follow the ripped jean rule as it relates to holes higher than 8 inches above the baseline of the knee.
- Pajama Pants, Full Bodysuits, Onesies, Pillows and Blanket Coverings — **are NOT PERMITTED**
- Spandex and soccer shorts alone are not permitted (outside of PE) and will be measured by the 8-inch rule

*Arm/leg length and body type will not be used as determining factors for dresscode violations. The 8-inch measurement from the bottom of the knee up is the standard rule for all students.

**Tops, Shirts, Dresses, Socks & Shoes**

- Shoulders should be covered with a cap-sleeve (no spaghetti straps, bralettes )
- Mid-drifts, bare bellies or waistlines should not be visible at anytime within the building.
- T-Shirts, socks, or shoes should not promote any inappropriate images (i.e. paraphernalia, weapons, nudity, vulgar or offensive language)
- Blouses — should not be see-through or without a visible camisole or cardigan exposing bra or any other chest areas

**Dress Code Violation (Rule11)**

- 1st Offense (Verbal Warning)
- 2nd Offense (documented warning on a referral)
- 3rd Offense (1 day of ISS)
- 4th Offense (2 days of ISS)

*During the first week, all violators will receive a documented warning. Mid-year transfers will be granted a documented warning during their 1st week.

No clothes drop off by parent or family member is permitted. A black MVHS shirt and/or red sweat pants will be loaned to students for the remainder of the day to reduce the time away from instruction. These items should be returned to the Attendance Office by 2pm.

Teachers will be supported in addressing dress code violations and are encouraged to address challenges within the classroom when comfortable in a discreet manner which maintains the integrity of each student. If a student refuses to comply or escalates the situation, then please contact Valerie Lewis in the Attendance Office or email 514 Dress Code via Outlook.

Please reference the student handbook for rules on dress code

All Faculty and staff should also maintain a professional decor in order to model student expectations.