

Dress Code (See Board Policy # 221 for details)

A student's clothing affects his/her attitude, performance, and behavior in school; therefore, students are expected to dress appropriately. His/her clothing should not disrupt the learning environment.

Standard Dress Code

When a student's dress presents a danger to his/her health and safety or creates a distraction to the learning process, the student will be requested to make changes.

Students will be expected to wear:

1. Shirts must be a long or short sleeved golf/polo shirt, crew-necked t-shirt, turtleneck/mock turtleneck, or button-down dress shirt. Only the top button on shirts may be open and sleeves may not be rolled or tucked. Shirts may be no longer than 6" below the waist if not tucked into pants.
2. See-through shirts/blouses are not permitted to ensure garments or accessories worn underneath are not visible.
3. Sweatshirts, sweaters, fleece, or dress vests without hoods or pockets may be worn. Vests must be worn over an approved shirt. Outerwear including but not limited to vests, coats, and gloves (with or without fingers) are not permitted to be worn inside the building during the school day.
4. All of these tops may be worn with or without the logos described below.
 - a. Logo: Shirts bearing Mahanoy Area Golden Bear insignia including any Mahanoy Area sponsored activity such as MA Baseball, MA Football, MA Basketball, MA Band, MA Student Council, MA Elementary, MA Golf, MA Track and Field, etc. College, Professional, or brand name insignias are permitted.
5. Dress or casual slacks may be any solid color. Denim/jeans and athletic pants in any color may be worn (refer to #11). No lettering or insignia will be permitted on the seat of the pants. Pants must be worn at the waist and may not reveal undergarments. Excessively tight or oversized baggy pants will not be permitted. Pants may not drag on the floor.
6. Capri pants, skirts, jumpers, or dress/casual shorts must be at least knee length.
7. Shorts (including mesh), sweatpants, athletic pants and shirts with sleeves are permitted with or without the MA Logo for physical education classes. Elementary students do not need to change for physical education classes.
8. Students must wear shoes, boots, or sneakers. Shoes with laces must be tied. Sandals must have a strap on the back (flip flops are not permitted). For safety reasons the administration reserves the right to insist upon age-appropriate footwear and will challenge any style which places a child at risk.
9. Jewelry and belts that could be dangerous such as dog collars, spiked necklaces and bracelets, spiked belts or jewelry/belts that contain studs/rivets are prohibited. Chains may only be worn that have been designed as a necklace or a bracelet. Purses may not exceed 12" x 12" in size. Any piercing that is deemed disruptive to the educational process will need to be removed.
10. Hats, handkerchiefs, or similar headwear may not be worn in the school building during school hours. Sunglasses are not permitted inside the building.
11. Clothing should be clean, not excessively stained or faded, tidy and free from tears, holes, and fraying. Articles of clothing that reference drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, obscenities, sexual connotations, or that contain a statement which is derogatory to any racial, ethnic group, religious group, violence, gangs, racism, or hate will not be permitted.
12. Tattoos displaying messages with implication of a sexual nature, obscenities, suggestive remarks, negative comments about another culture, or reference to illegal substances may not be visibly displayed and must remain under appropriate clothing.

In addition to the above, the administration reserves the right to make a decision regarding the appropriateness of student dress.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

For the safety and welfare of everyone, teacher may limit the kind of clothing that may be worn by students in classes such as Physical Education, Science laboratories, Consumer Science and shop classes.