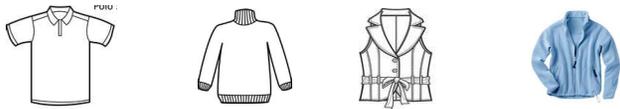


## SHIRTS

- ✓ Golf shirts (short or long sleeve), button down dress shirts (short or long sleeve, with or without breast front pockets), or blouses (short or long sleeve), turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks, are the only approved shirts to be worn.
- ✓ All shirts must be a solid color **or stripes**.
- ✓ All shirts (except turtlenecks) must have collars.
- ✓ Only the top-most button of any shirt may be unbuttoned.
- ✓ Layering of tops is permitted as long as the outermost layer meets all dress code provisions.
- ✓ Shirts must be sized to fit the student (i.e. +/- 1 size to the student's measurements).
- ✓ All shirts greater than four (4) inches below the waist must be tucked in at all times.
- ✓ Shirts may not have holes or frays.
- ✓ See "Approved School District Logos" section for further clarification.\*\*



## SWEATSHIRTS, SWEATERS, VESTS, BLAZERS, FLEECE

- ✓ Sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, fleece, and blazers must be a solid color **or stripes**.
- ✓ An approved shirt must be worn beneath sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, fleece, and blazers at all times.
- ✓ Sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, fleece, and blazers must be sized to fit the student (i.e. +/- 1 size to the student's measurements).
- ✓ Only small side pockets are permitted. Front pockets are not permitted.
- ✓ Hoods are not permitted.
- ✓ Coats or any other outerwear are **not** allowed to be worn during the school day.
- ✓ See "Approved School District Logos" section for further clarification.\*\*

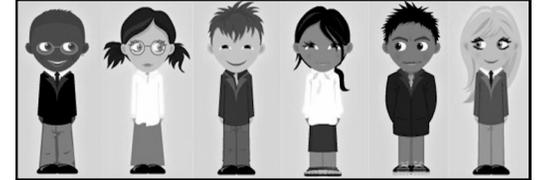
## EXEMPTIONS

- ✓ For the safety and welfare of everyone, teachers may limit the kind of clothing or accessories that may be worn by students in classes such as physical education, science laboratories, consumer science, and technology education class.
- ✓ Principals have the right to make short-term, specific exceptions to the standard dress code for unique situations to include but not limited to pregnancies or physical impairments.
- ✓ Parents/Guardians who object to the policy based on religious or medical grounds must present to the building principal a signed letter detailing the reason for the objection. The parent/guardian and the building principal will meet to discuss the exemption.
- ✓ The Administration may designate specific days throughout the year as Dress Down Days. Any other Dress Down Days shall be at the discretion of the Building Principal and may include a fee to benefit student programming, school committees, special events, and/or charities. These days may also be specific to certain school buildings.
- ✓ Students are permitted to wear plain jeans **and an appropriate** short- or long-sleeved t-shirt or sweatshirt only. All clothing must still conform to the usual dress code rules about length, fit, condition, pockets, and hoods.
- ✓ The Administration reserves the right to deem clothing inappropriate or distracting to the educational process.

## DISCIPLINE INFRACTIONS (3-12)

- ✓ **1st offense:** Student will be permitted to call home for appropriate clothing and issued a warning. If no appropriate clothing is brought to school, student will be sent to ISS for the remainder of the day.
- ✓ **2nd offense:** Student will be given clothing from the Cinderella Closet to change into until the end of the day and assigned a 4:00 detention.
- ✓ **3rd offense:** Student will be given clothing from the Cinderella Closet to change into until the end of the day and assigned a second 4:00 detention in the elementary school or 5:00 detention in the other schools.
- ✓ **4th + offense:** Student will be given clothing from the Cinderella Closet to change into until the end of the day. In addition, a citation will be filed with district magistrate (for each offense following the third).
- ✓ Students in K-2 will be permitted to call home for appropriate clothing and issued warnings for the first three offenses. Upon the fourth and any subsequent offense students will be given clothing from the Cinderella Closet to change into until the end of the day and a citation will be filed with district magistrate.
- ✓ Violations shall not be issued to elementary students that wear dress-code appropriate physical education clothing on a non-physical education day due to a change in calendar unless the infraction is chronic.
- ✓ A Cinderella's Closet (with limited supply) is available to trade clothing or purchase up to three sets of clothing at a minimum cost of \$5.00 per piece.

# MAHANOY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY 221 REVISED 2016-2017



*The Mahanoy Area School District recognizes its paramount obligation to provide for the health, safety and welfare of students. The District further recognizes its responsibility to maintain a positive learning environment in the school and to minimize the opportunity for distraction and/or disruption. The District believes that a dress code will address the issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of the students attending its schools and will further aid in the maintenance of a positive learning environment.*

The entire approved Student Dress Code Policy is available by contacting any school building office or on the school website at [www.mabears.net](http://www.mabears.net).

The dress code may be amended at any time at the discretion of the Mahanoy Area School Board.

## SHOES, SANDALS, BOOTS, OR SNEAKERS

- ✓ Shoes, sandals, boots and sneakers must at least have a secured strap in the back.
- ✓ Shoes, sandals, boots and sneakers must not exceed a 2-inch heel.
- ✓ Any backless footwear is **not** permitted.
- ✓ All laces, buckles, Velcro, etc. must be tied/secured at all times.
- ✓ Flip flops (with or without straps) are **not** permitted.
- ✓ Exceptions can be approved by administration for formal events.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS

- ✓ Acceptable physical education pants include shorts (including mesh), sweatpants, and athletic/wind pants.
- ✓ The only acceptable shorts or pants colors in the **elementary school (K-4)** are black, white, grey, tan, beige, brown, or shades of gold and yellow (stripes on the side of the legs are acceptable).
- ✓ All colors of pants are permitted in the middle and high schools.
- ✓ All shorts, sweatpants, and athletic/wind pants must be worn at the waist.
- ✓ All shorts, sweatpants, and athletic/wind pants must extend to at least knee length.
- ✓ Side pockets on the legs are not permitted.
- ✓ Pants may not drag on the floor.
- ✓ Acceptable shirts include short or long sleeve t-shirts in any color.
- ✓ Only approved Mahanoy Area logos will be accepted in the elementary school.
- ✓ Sneakers and socks must also be worn by all students for physical education.
- ✓ **Elementary students (K-4)** should come to school dressed in approved physical education attire only on those days that the student is scheduled for physical education class.
- ✓ Shorts may only be worn in the elementary school from April 15th through October 15th.

## PANTS, CAPRIS, SHORTS, SKORTS, SKIRTS

- ✓ All pants, capris, shorts, skorts, and skirts must be a **solid** color. The only acceptable colors are black, navy blue, white, grey, tan, beige, brown, or shades of gold and yellow.
- ✓ Pants, capris, shorts, skorts, and skirts must be sized to fit the student (i.e. +/- 1 size to the student's measurements). Pants, capris, shorts, skorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist.
- ✓ Pants, capris, shorts, skorts, and skirts must extend to at least knee length.
- ✓ Leggings, yoga pants, pajama pants, tights, **athletic/mesh pants/shorts** or any style of jeans may not be worn. Pants may also not be tight-fitting to the leg.
- ✓ Side pockets on the legs of any style of pants, capris, shorts, skorts, and skirts are not permitted (i.e. cargo, cell phone, etc.).
- ✓ Pants and skirts may not drag on the floor.
- ✓ Pants, capris, shorts, skorts, and skirts may not reveal undergarments at any time.
- ✓ Pants, capris, shorts, skorts, and skirts may not have holes or frays.
- ✓ Shorts and skorts are only permitted from April 15th through October 15th.



## GIRLS DRESSES AND JUMPERS

- ✓ Girls' dresses and jumpers must be a solid color. The only acceptable colors are black, navy blue, white, grey, tan, beige, brown, or shades of gold and yellow.
- ✓ An approved shirt must be worn beneath a jumper at all times.
- ✓ Dresses and jumpers must extend to at least knee length.
- ✓ Dresses and jumpers must be sized to fit the student (i.e. +/- 1 size to the student's measurements).
- ✓ Dresses and jumpers may not reveal undergarments at any time.
- ✓ Dresses and jumpers may not have holes or frays.

## ACCESSORIES, PIERCINGS, TATTOOS, HAIR

- ✓ Any color or style backpack may be carried into the building provided it is left inside the student's locker or elementary homeroom. However, only clear backpacks can be carried throughout the school day.
- ✓ Purses may be carried as long as they are **not** more than five (5) inches by seven (7) inches.
- ✓ Hats, handkerchiefs, **hair picks**, or bandanas, are not allowed to be worn inside the school.
- ✓ Headbands across the forehead are not allowed to be worn inside the school.
- ✓ Sunglasses are not allowed to be worn inside the school.
- ✓ Gloves (with or without fingers) and mittens are not allowed to be worn inside the school.
- ✓ Arm or wrist bands are not allowed to be worn inside the school.
- ✓ Dog collars or any kind of jewelry or belts-with studs, rivets, spikes or chains are not allowed to be worn inside the school.
- ✓ Anything that could reasonably be deemed dangerous may not be worn inside the school.
- ✓ The length or style of a student's hair may not constitute a health or safety hazard, nor may it cause undue disruption of the learning process.
- ✓ Any student piercing that is deemed disruptive to the educational process will need to be removed.
- ✓ Offensive tattoos (i.e. depicting drugs, smoking, sex, etc) must be covered at all times.
- ✓ Exceptions can be approved by administration for formal events.



## **\*\*APPROVED SCHOOL DISTRICT LOGOS**

- ✓ School district logos must be approved by the Superintendent. Approved logos no larger than two (2) inches by two (2) inches will be permitted.
- ✓ Manufacturing logos less than one (1) inch are permitted. No other lettering, insignias, or logos are permitted. \*\*