



MOUNTAIN HOME
HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026

STUDENT

HANDBOOK



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A Message from the Principal

Dear MHHS Students,

Welcome to a brand new school year at Mountain Home High School! Whether you're just beginning your high school journey or you're entering your final year with us, I want you to know how truly excited and proud I am to serve as your principal. The students are the spirit of this school, and it is a privilege to be your principal as you grow, learn, and lead over these next 4 years.

At Mountain Home High School, we are guided by our powerful “TIGERS” mantra that defines who we are and what we stand for: **T**radition, **I**ntegrity, **G**rit, **E**xcellence, **R**epresent, **S**ervice. These six words aren't just on our walls throughout the school; they are the foundation of everything we do and the standard we hold ourselves to.

- **Tradition** reminds us of the legacy we carry — the proud history of Tigers who came before us and the responsibility we share in upholding that legacy through our actions, our school spirit, and our pride in being part of something bigger than ourselves.
- **Integrity** calls each of us to be honest, accountable, and true to our word. What you say and what you do matter, even when no one is watching.
- **Grit** is the toughness you show in adversity. It's how you keep going when things get difficult, how you persevere when challenged, and how you rise when you fall.
- **Excellence** means doing your best in every moment. It doesn't mean perfection. It means bringing your best effort, your best attitude, and your best self to everything you do.
- **Represent** is about carrying yourself with pride. You represent your school, your family, your community, and most importantly... yourself. Choose every day to represent those things with dignity and respect.
- **Service** reminds us that we're not just here for ourselves. We're here to lift up others, to give back, and to be difference-makers in the lives of those around us.

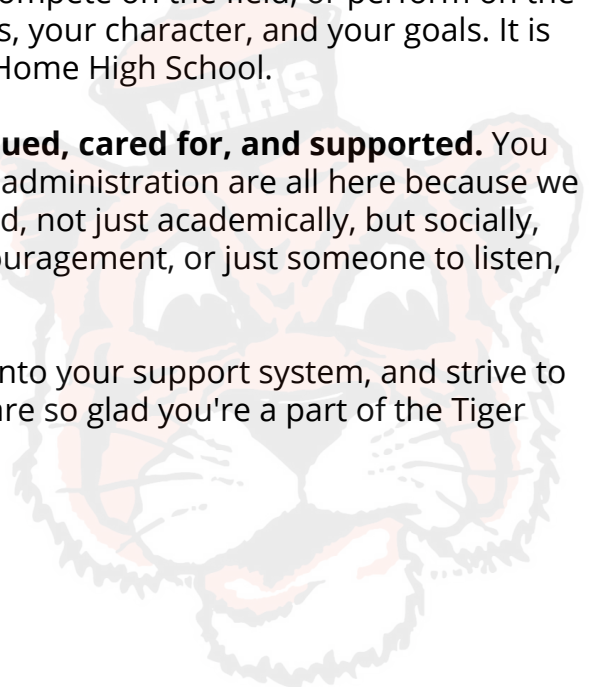
As you move through the halls, sit in your classrooms, compete on the field, or perform on the stage, remember this mantra. Let it guide your decisions, your character, and your goals. It is more than just a motto — it's a way of life at Mountain Home High School.

Most importantly, please know this: **you are deeply valued, cared for, and supported.** You are not alone here. Our staff, teachers, counselors, and administration are all here because we believe in you. We are committed to helping you succeed, not just academically, but socially, emotionally, and personally. If you ever need help, encouragement, or just someone to listen, we are here for you.

This year, I challenge you to embrace our mantra, lean into your support system, and strive to make this your best year yet. You belong here, and we are so glad you're a part of the Tiger family.

Let's have an amazing year!

With Tiger Pride,
Mr. Cotton
Principal, Mountain Home High School



School District #193 Vision & Mission

The Mountain Home School District, with the cooperation of students, parents, and the community, will offer a quality education that has value and meaning for each student. Caring, quality teachers will instill a thirst for knowledge and will challenge each student's potential to the highest level. We will offer a curriculum that is challenging and diversified, in which students are eager to learn because it is relevant to their futures. Our students will have the skills and knowledge to become responsible, contributing members of society who are excited about life and the possibilities ahead.

Committed to Learning Today for Tomorrow's World.

MHHS Mission Statement

Empowering every student to succeed in a culture of high expectations and academic excellence.

MHHS Vision

At Mountain Home High School, we are united by a shared commitment to **T**radition, **I**ntegrity, **G**rit, **E**xcellence, **R**epresent, and **S**ervice.

Administration will lead with vision and integrity, fostering a school culture rooted in high expectations, respect, and service to students, teachers, staff, parents, and the broader community.

Teachers will inspire through passion and purpose, upholding the school's tradition of academic excellence while cultivating grit, curiosity, and lifelong learning in every student.

Counselors will serve as compassionate guides, empowering students to navigate their academic, social, and emotional journeys with confidence and purpose. Students will strive to embody personal responsibility, resilience, and a relentless pursuit of excellence—honoring the legacy of those before them while forging a path for those to come.

Parents will partner with the school in trust and collaboration, modeling integrity and support as we work together to shape students who are prepared to thrive in a complex world.

Together, we Represent the pride of Mountain Home—past, present, and future—through every action and interaction, grounded in service and a collective drive toward greatness.

MHHS Office Staff



Mark Cotton

Principal



Jessica Muraski

Assistant Principal



Sarah DeVore

Activities Director



Grace Smith

Administrative Assistant



Jennifer Kruetzer

Attendance Secretary



Heather Poe

Receptionist



Officer Don Allen

*School Resource Officer
(SRO)*



Jay Lockett

School Security



Hans Kruetzer

Head Custodian

General Information



Website

Visit our website: <https://www.mtnhomesd.org/Domain/11> to see the most updated handbook policies and staff email addresses.



Bell Schedule

MHS SCHEDULE

PERIOD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	7:50-8:40	7:50-9:20	-----	7:50-8:40	7:50-8:40
TUTORIAL	-----	-----	8:30-9:15	-----	-----
2	8:45-9:35	-----	9:20-10:50	8:45-9:35	8:45-9:35
3	9:40-10:30	9:25-10:55	-----	9:40-10:30	9:40-10:30
4	10:35-11:25	-----	11:35-1:05	10:35-11:25	10:35-11:25
LUNCH	11:25-12:05	10:55-11:35	10:50-11:30	11:25-12:05	11:25-12:05
5	12:10-1:00	11:40-1:10	-----	12:10-1:00	12:10-1:00
6	1:05-1:55	-----	1:15-2:45	1:05-1:55	1:05-1:55
7	2:00-2:50	1:15-2:45	-----	2:00-2:50	2:00-2:50



Tutorial

Tutorial is a part of the school day where students must attend class. During Tutorial, teachers take attendance and students are encouraged to receive help from their teacher and peers during this time. An automated phone call is sent if the student does not attend Tutorial.

MOUNTAIN HOME HIGH SCHOOL

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES: 2025-2026

August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 & 7 PD Day - No School• 8 & 11 Teacher Workdays - No School• 12 First Day of School
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Labor Day - No School
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 End of 1st Quarter• 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 1:30pm Dismissal• 17 No School• 20 PD Day - No School
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24-28 Thanksgiving Break
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 School Resumes• 19 End of 1st Semester• 22-31 Christmas Break - No School
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 & 2 Christmas Break - No School• 5 PD Day - No School• 6 School Resumes• 19 Martin Luther King & Human Rights Day - No School
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 PD Day - No School• 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 1:30pm Dismissal• 13 No School• 16 President's Day - No School
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 PD Day - No School• 12 End of 3rd Quarter• 23-27 Spring Break - No School
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17 PD Day - No School
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 End of 2nd Semester - Last Day of School• 21 PD Day - No School• 22 PD Day - No School• 22 MHHS Graduation Day 5:00pm @ Tiger Field

Student Fees

Activity Card

- \$35 – All students must purchase a MHHS Activity Card if the student is in choir, band, student council, drama, debate, etc. or any activity related to sports. It is NON-REFUNDABLE.

Yearbook

- \$50 tax included

Drivers Ed

- \$175/class

Band Rental

- \$17/summer

Athletics/Activities

- Spirit Packs and other fees dependent on specific program requirements

Student Fines

Students with unpaid fines are not allowed to register until the fines are settled or payment arrangements are made after contacting the office. Seniors will have their diplomas held if they do not clear all fines.

Payment Information

Make all checks out to Mountain Home High School. Payments can be made via the website (see address below), in-person (only MasterCard and Visa accepted), or online through the web store:

https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/mountain_home_high_o/

Testing Information

Accurate assessment of student achievement is essential in enduring academic growth for all students. Mountain Home School District utilizes state and district-developed assessment tools to ensure that a full range of assessment data is available for parents and school personnel.

These data are used in determining placement, participation in extension and remediation programs, and communication of progress as measured against Idaho Core.

Parent Portal Information

Canvas is available for students and parents to access grades, attendance, and other pertinent student and school information. A protected access code is needed and can be obtained by visiting the registrar. This information is important for registration purposes.

MHHS Counseling Staff

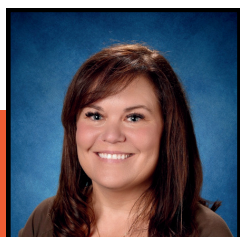
School counselors deliver a comprehensive school-counseling program encouraging all students' academic, career and personal/social development and helping all students in maximizing their individual student achievement. Services provided by the school counseling department included: individual student planning; individual and group counseling; consultation with staff members and parents; community referrals; and classroom guidance presentations.

Counselors maintain "confidentiality" except in the following situations: disclosure of abuse, abandonment, neglect; disclosure about intent to harm self or others; to comply with a court order or subpoena; or disclosure of the commission of a crime. The counselor's office is always open to students. Counselors can be contacted between classes, before or after school, or at lunchtime.



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REGISTRAR

The high school registrar maintains and coordinates clerical or academic records for private or public high schools. They keep and maintain records starting with a student's enrollment and continuing through graduation from high school.



Jamie Hopkins

Registrar

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CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is in the business of “preparing today’s students for tomorrow’s challenges.” Students may access information on scholarships, financial aid, colleges, universities, trade and technical schools, ACT and SAT, summer opportunities, employment, job search techniques, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing techniques, etc.



Julie Corder

Career Center Coordinator

School Code: 130-420

This School Code is for college entrance exams, ACT & SAT registration, correspondence courses or anytime a CEEB (College Entrance Examination Board) code is requested.

Course Correction Process

Students are **NOT** allowed to change classes if they received the classes they signed up for, unless there are extenuating circumstances.



PENALTY

The 4th day after the semester has begun, the only option is to drop the class with an F and receive a NC semester grade for the added class.



NOTE

Any parent/student requests submitted after the 4-day deadline and not in accordance with State and District Attendance/Hour Regulations will result in a semester grade of "F" in the class dropped and a semester grade "NC" (No Credit) for the class added.



Options for Credit Deficiency

- Students may retake that course one time and then they will be required to take summer school or find alternative options to receive credit for the course. The student will not be re-enrolled in the same class with the same teacher, unless other options are not available.
- Correspondence courses are another option for students, who, after the 1st and 3rd quarter, are not going to pass a class. They may enroll in correspondence courses to recover the credit. It may be possible for students to use school technology to complete online courses. Fees may apply.
- Bennett Mountain High School is also an option for those who need credit recovery.

NOTE: 1) Schedules are computer generated; Parent/Student requests for specific teachers cannot be honored. 2) Any Parent/Student schedule change requests submitted after the four day deadline and not in accordance with State and District Attendance/Hour Regulations will result in a semester grade of an "F" in the class dropped and a semester grade "NC" (No Credit) for the class added.

Grade Classification & Class Load Requirement Policy

Each grade level needs a specific amount of credits before moving to the next grade classification. Each student is required to be in seven (7) credit-bearing classes and a minimum of six (6) credits during the second semester of their senior year to participate in the graduation ceremony and receive a Mountain Home High School diploma.



Grade Status Requirements

- 10 credits = 10th grade status
- 22 credits = 11th grade status
- 36 credits = 12th grade status
- 50 credits = MHHS Graduate (all requirements must be met)



Graduation Requirements

For graduation requirements, please see your counselor and/or refer to the Student Planner.

NOTE: 1) Schedules are computer generated; Parent/Student requests for specific teachers cannot be honored. 2) Any Parent/Student schedule change requests submitted after the three day deadline and not in accordance with State and District Attendance/Hour Regulations will result in a semester grade of an "F" in the class dropped and a semester grade "NC" (No Credit) for the class added.

Academic Requirements for Honors

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be the students with the highest weighted GPA and the second highest weighted GPA in their class through 7 semesters. Also, to be considered for either of these accolades, a student must be enrolled as “full-time” status, meaning that they must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 credit-bearing classes here at MHHS at any given time. Any/all other AP/DC classes taken outside of MHHS, would be considered and factored into the GPA - as long as the minimum full-time requirement is fulfilled.



In the case of a tie, a tiebreaker will be based on the student with the most AP and/or DC credits.

MHHS GRADING SCALE			
<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Regular GPA</u>	<u>Dual Credit GPA</u>
90-100	A	4.0	5.0
80-89	B	3.0	4.0
70-79	C	2.0	3.0
60-69	D	1.0	2.0
0-59	F	0	1.0



Retakes

The grade from the second or subsequent time a course is taken will not be factored into computation of a student’s GPA as part of the Valedictorian/Salutatorian process. Only the grade from the first time any particular course is taken will count in this process.

Attendance Policy

Philosophy:

Regular and consistent attendance is necessary for maximum student learning. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to aid school authorities in enforcing the attendance policy. Regular and consistent attendance is an indicator of success in school and is necessary for maximum student learning and success.

Absence Information

- **Petition Process:** Upon receiving the **9th absence**, the parent/guardian must petition for reinstatement of credit by writing a letter explaining the reason, along with appropriate documentation. Students who are dealing with medical situations, or other circumstances beyond their control, may not be required to petition. Administration will have final say based upon individual student circumstances.
- Students shall be in physical attendance within the classrooms in which they are assigned. Students will be counted absent on a period by period basis if they are not physically in attendance.
- Students will be considered **tardy** within the first 10 minutes of class. They will be considered **extremely tardy** from 10 to 20 minutes and **absent** after 20 minutes of class.
- Students are not to leave during the school day without first checking out through the attendance office. Leaving campus without a **Permit-to-Leave** is a truancy. Parents/guardians must give permission prior to a student leaving campus.
- Parents/guardians need to contact the school attendance secretary in the event the student is going to miss class. If prior contact is not made, a note written by the parent/guardian must be submitted within 2 days following the absence. Doctor's statements of student illness will be accepted in place of a parent/guardian note.

Excused Absence

Parents/guardians are reminded that excused absences are granted for legitimate reasons such as: medical appointments, court appearances, family emergencies, etc. Parents are encouraged to schedule regular appointments outside of school time when possible. Written communication from the parent/guardian for excused absences is required within **48 hours** of the last date of the absence except for activity absences. All class work, homework, and exams can be made up within the guidelines for make-up work. However, under no circumstances will midterm or final exams be taken early without MHHS Administration's permission.

Extraordinary Excused Absence

Extraordinary absences require prior written request from a parent/guardian (activity teacher, coach or advisor) to gain approval from the administration.

- **Field Trips:** Students must be in good behavioral and academic standing in all classes to participate in MHHS field trips. This includes (but is not limited to) any excess absences, tardies, or disciplinary referrals. Unless special administration permission is obtained, students not in compliance with these expectations will be ineligible to attend.
- **Activity Absence:** An absence for a school sponsored program or activity.
- **Illness/Accident:** Confinement either at home or in a hospital which can be confirmed in writing by a licensed physician, dentist, psychiatrist, nurse, or other health professional.
- **Professional Appointments:** As confirmed by documentation in writing by medical doctors, optometrists, dentists, orthodontists, psychiatrists, or attorneys. Phone calls are not accepted.
- **Court Appearance:** Verified by official documentation.
- **National or International Activities:** Events organized for the purpose of continuing competition or as an extension of an approved school program/contest, or special activities. Advanced approval required.
- **Bereavement:** Up to five days for a member of the immediate family.
- **Religious Observances:** When participation is required and can be verified by an appropriate church official or document

Truancy

A truancy is an absence without the consent of the parent/guardian or school officials. Truancies occur when:

- The student is in the building but out of class without permission, (2) the student leaves school grounds without permission (3) the parent refuses to excuse an absence.
- Office personnel receive a forged note, or an unauthorized phone call is received.

NOTE: *A Truancy removes the opportunity for a student to petition for credit. Truancies accumulate throughout the year; they do not start over at the semester.*

Tardies

In an effort to develop suitable lifetime skills and limit classroom interruptions, students are expected to be in class on time. Following the **7th cumulative tardy** (per quarter) students will receive a lunch detention for each tardy above the allotted amount. The consequences will be overseen by the teacher, or administration, depending on circumstances.

NOTE: There is no excuse for consistent or constant tardiness. Consistent/constant tardies may not be excused by parents/guardians. Should an extenuating circumstance occur, speak with an administrator.

Missing/skipping consequences for tardiness may result in further disciplinary action.

Attendance Guidelines

- **Appropriate Records:** Power School will be the authoritative documentation if there is a disagreement relative to a student's attendance.
- **Out of School Suspension:** A student's time spent suspended out of school will be counted in the 90% attendance and jeopardize the receiving of credit.
- **Withdrawal:** If a student has unexcused absences for two (2) consecutive weeks, and the student is dropped for lack of attendance. Withdrawal letters will be sent home to the parent/guardian.

NOTE: *When credit is lost in more than four (4) classes, the student will be withdrawn until the next semester.*

Procedure for Make-Up Work

Papers, assignments, tests announced while the student was in attendance prior to the absence should be handed in on the day the student returns to school. Unless previously contracted with an instructor, a student will be allowed two (2) consecutive days for each day of an excused absence to make up for missed work.

- Make-up time **will not exceed five (5) consecutive school days** from the time a student returns to school following an absence unless it has been cleared through administration.
- Make-up work is not allowed for unexcused absences, unverified absences or tardiness. Because of the nature of some participatory classes, make-up work cannot be offered. Under NO circumstances are midterm or final exams administered outside of scheduled testing periods without administrator's permission (Subject to Administrative Discretion).

Student Withdrawal Procedure

Steps-to-Follow:

- Students are to request for withdrawal **two weeks** prior to the leave date.
- If, for a valid reason, a student is unable to enter a school following withdrawal from MHHS, before the current semester ends, the student or parent may request early completion of semester work. Requests for early completion **MUST** be made **two weeks** prior to the completion date.

Arrangements must be made with the building's Principal.

- Withdrawal with semester credit cannot be given prior to 10 days before the end of the semester.
- If a student is withdrawn from school for non-attendance, truancies, behavior, etc., the student will receive semester "F's" in all classes.
- If a student is withdrawn from class at a doctor's request, see the counselor or administrator for appropriate arrangements.

Re-Admittance to MHHS

Students who were withdrawn because of behavior or attendance problems will be placed on a re-admittance contract if they choose to re-enroll the following semester.

Visit our website at: <http://mhhs.mtnhomesd.org/> to see the most updated handbook policies and staff email addresses.

Student Discipline

Philosophy:

Mountain Home High School prides itself on the conduct of their students. A well-disciplined, neat, and clean atmosphere provides the best environment for students to take full advantage of their educational opportunities.

General Guidelines:

The administration has the authority to impose in-house and out-of-school suspensions or to recommend expulsion to the Board of Trustees, even when inappropriate behavior occurs during the day, but outside of school. Referrals will be made to the School Resource Officer (SRO) when applicable.

NOTE: All student discipline is subjective to administrative discretion.

Extra Curriculars:

Students with multiple behavior referrals, may be denied the privilege of attending any or all school sanctioned activities, in or outside of the school i.e. games, dances, assemblies etc.



Major Disciplinary Violations

ALL major violations are subject to detention/suspension/expulsion.

- Insubordination toward or non-compliance with directions of school personnel, including classroom procedures.
- Written or verbal threats, or acts of bullying, cyber-bullying, violent or potentially violent physical abuse, which pose a threat to the health and safety of students, staff members, or visitors, or are disruptive to the classroom process, will result in formal suspension procedures and possible expulsion.
- Verbal or physical abuse (i.e., hazing, fighting, sexual harassment, threats), of other students, school employees, or visitors.
- Possession, use, distribution, or intent to distribute any illegal or controlled mood-altering chemical, medication, look-alike drug, or abuse chemical on school property, at school- sponsored events, and on school buses. Individuals under the influence of such chemicals on school property, at school events, and on school buses shall be in violation of this policy.
- Use and/or possession of tobacco, vapes, alcohol on school grounds.
- Unauthorized entry, theft, vandalism of school property or property of school employees, students, or visitors.
- Cheating in any form is unacceptable. Incidences of cheating are investigated by the teacher, administrator, or other designee, as deemed necessary and reported to parent/guardian. Dual credit courses are subject to the providing University rules and policies.
- Refusal of students to identify themselves to school personnel upon request.
- Uses any part of the school day or school resources to promote or encourage involvement in illegal activities.
- Computer fraud

Student Expectations & Policies

General Expectations:

- Be punctually, mentally, and physically **present** to class each day.
- Arrive to class **prepared** every day, including bringing all materials to class, having all homework done and ready to turn in, and bringing all mental faculties to class, ready to use for learning.
- Stay **on-task** during all different types of independent and collaborative work, assignments, and activities.
- Keep your hands, feet, and all objects to yourself, at all times. In this school, you will be treated like a **mature** young adult, as long as you act like a mature young adult.
- Be **positive** and **respectful** towards all people, including yourself.

If you show up each day and do your best, everything else will fall into place.

General Policies:

- **Posters, Flyers, Advertisements:** All announcements must be approved by the administration and placed only on the hall cork boards or foyer windows.
- **No Touch Policy PDA:** Excessive physical contact and public displays of affection are not acceptable on school grounds, at school activities, and on school buses. In chronic cases, parents will be required to meet with administration.
- **Search & Seizure:** Lockers, backpacks, and cars on school property are subject to inspection and search by school officials if it is determined there is reasonable suspicion.
- **Student Visitors:** Students from other schools, friends or family are not permitted to visit classes with Mountain Home High School students.
- **Student Behavior at Athletic or School Activities:** Students in school or involved in school-sponsored activities, either on or away from the school premises, are expected to obey school officials, protect property, and conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit upon themselves and their school.

NOTE: Mountain Home High School is not responsible for personal belongings of students including electronic devices, etc.

STUDENT POLICY VIOLATIONS & CONSEQUENCES

Violation	1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	3 rd Offence	4 th Offence
Insubordination	Warning	Detention or suspension; parent/guardian contacted if deemed necessary	Behavior contract, parent conference, suspensions	Suspension, possible expulsion, parent/guardian conference
Behavioral Referrals	Warning	Removal from class for the remainder of the period; parent or guardian contacted	Suspension, parent/guardian contact	Parent/Guardian conference, behavior contract, suspensions
Fighting, Intent to Fight, Intimidation, Harassment, Gang Activity, Racial Slurs, Bullying, Theft	1-5 days of out of school suspension; parent/guardian contacted	5 or more days of out of school suspension; parent/guardian contacted	5 of more days of out of school suspension or referral for expulsion	Referral for expulsion Off Campus: If a fight is initiated during school hours and continues off campus, those involved will be disciplined as an on campus fight.
Alcohol, Drugs, Vapes, or Tobacco (Possession or Under the Influence)	Parent/guardian contacted, law enforcement contacted, vape cessation course required, suspension, district review, etc.			
Weapons, Arson, or Bomb Threats	Law enforcement and parents will be contacted. Students will be required to attend a district hearing to determine the consequences			
Tardies (Per Quarter)	Following the 7th cumulative tardy consequences will be applied. The consequences will be overseen by the teacher, or administration, depending on circumstances. Missing/skipping consequences for tardies may result in further disciplinary action.			
Truancies	Removal from class for the remainder of the period; parent/guardian contacted	Suspension, parent/guardian contact	Suspension, parent/guardian contact	Parent/Guardian conference, behavior contract, suspensions
Illegal Parking or Unsafe Driving on Campus	\$5.00 parking citation	Student could lose the privilege of driving on campus and receive a fine; parent/guardian contacted Administrator discretion	Annex Parking Lot- This area is off limits for student parking. Students wishing to use the Auto Parking Lot must first clear it with their teacher and display a tag in the window, to avoid a ticket. VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.	
Electronic Devices or Computer Network Agreement Infractions	Violations are reviewed by administration. Consequences will be determined at that time. Possible consequences may include parent meeting, detention, suspension, to complete suspension of computer network privileges	Cell phones will be held in the office until the end of the day. Students can pick up the phone then.	Students could lose the privilege of having a cell phone in class or in school for the remainder of the school year, depending on the violation or administrator's discretion; parent/guardian contacted	*Students are responsible for logging out of the computer after each use to prevent other students from hacking into their account.
Plagiarism & Cheating	A zero grade on the assignment, discussion, or assessment, parent contact Possible disciplinary action according to MHHS policies Removal from the course and/or a failing grade			

Dress Code

The administration, faculty, and student body at MHHS believe there is a direct relationship among dress and personal grooming, conduct and wholesome living and thinking of young people. Students are expected to dress and groom themselves within the framework of individual pride, decency, cleanliness, and safety. Parental cooperation is expected to insure adherence to these standards. Students are encouraged to **"DRESS FOR SUCCESS"** and come to school properly prepared to participate in the education process. Any attire which is disruptive to the educational process shall be unacceptable.

Inappropriate attire is defined as dressing in a manner which disrupts the educational process, interrupts the learning environment, or endangers the health or safety of students, or any other persons. Students will be asked to cover or change into appropriate clothing. If this is not possible, parents will be notified, and students will be sent home. A degree of modesty is expected.

NOTE: All student discipline, including the enforcing of dress code policy, is subjective to administrative discretion.



Prohibited Clothing on Campus

- Clothing that does not cover the stomach, back, chest/cleavage, or undergarments.
- Spaghetti straps, tube tops, off the shoulder shirts - shoulders must be covered.
- Short shorts without something under them i.e. spandex used under short shorts.
- Garments, jewelry or tattoos with slogans or pictures promoting the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal substances will not be allowed. Obscene or vulgar messages of any kind on clothing or other areas are not allowed.
- Gang identification paraphernalia, such as rags/bandanas, etc.
- Chains studded (blunt or spiked) necklaces or bracelets.
- Hats and Head coverings are permitted inside the building during the class day. Teacher discretion for classrooms.
- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected groups.

THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS. The Prohibited Items List does not infringe on student's rights to freedom of expression, but rather encourages students to **"dress for success"** and come to school properly prepared to participate in the education process.



Prohibited Items on Campus

- Drugs, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, cigarettes, inhalants, cigarette lighters, matches, tobacco products, paraphernalia, and look-alikes. This includes vapes, e-cigarettes, or anything illegal for a student under 18 to possess.
- Explosive devices, including firecrackers, fireballs, cherry bombs, stink bombs, etc.
- Weapons, look-a-like weapons, guns, knives, screwdrivers and/or other dangerous items.
- Medications or pills of any kind are prohibited without written permission of parents/guardians and attending physicians and must be stored by school officials.
- Animals, pets, etc.

MHHS Activities

Activity Code of Conduct:

- Students wishing to participate in dances, field trips, assemblies, activities and sporting events must follow our school mantra- TIGERS. Grades, attendance, and behavior will be taken into consideration.
 - Students participating in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, such as athletics, music, drama, club activities, and elected positions, must realize these are special opportunities that in most cases will only happen during high school years. When visiting another school, students represent the pride and tradition of their school, coaches, and fellow participants; they are responsible for conducting themselves according to the highest standards of behavior at all times. If students violate the drug, alcohol, tobacco policies, they will receive the consequences stated in the school rules.
 - **See Athletic Packet for More Information**
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Transportation

Participants must be transported by district transportation to and from athletic or related scheduled events. Students are required to have a written permission from parent/guardian, and permission from their coach/advisor for alternate transportation.



Insurance

Students participating in the athletic program will be encouraged to subscribe to the insurance program provided unless they can show evidence of proper coverage through a family program. PE students are also encouraged to purchase insurance unless they are covered through a family program.



Flowers & Valentine's Day

To protect the instructional time and offset the massive number of requests, flowers and valentine gifts will not be accepted through the office during the school day.



School Dances

Students need a MHHS ID card plus admission price to attend the dance. Guests must have a written approval from an administrator, which can be obtained from the office at least 3 days before the dance. The guest's age can't exceed 19 nor can they be out of high school for more than one year. No backpacks or purses of any kind will be permitted. No outside food or drinks will be permitted. Students will **NOT** be readmitted after leaving the dance.

Homecoming activities at Mountain Home High School are designed to encourage good sportsmanship and encourage the participation of all students in the week's activities. Macho Man Volleyball for boys and Powder Puff Football for girls will be open to those students not involved in fall athletics including cheerleading and dance.



Freedom of Expression & Assembly

Students have the right to demonstrate and express grievances. This action should not disturb the educational process of the school, should not be slanderous, should not threaten the rights of others, or cause public disorder. However, school officials may govern the time, place and manner of such activity, by giving careful consideration as to whether or not the manner of expression is compatible with the normal activity of a particular place at a particular time.

Students who demonstrate or express grievances during class time without the permission of school officials will be considered truant. Admit slips will not be issued by the office for the purposes of demonstrating. Students who secure an admit slip under false pretenses and participate in an unauthorized demonstration will receive a truancy.

School Property/Tiger Paws:

Senior paws may only be painted white, black, and orange with student name and graduation year. References to political, religious, gang affiliation, gender identity or sexual orientation, etc. will not be permitted. Paws will be painted over if they do not meet the parameters listed above.

Notices



AHERA

AHERA Policy Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires Mountain Home School District to maintain surveillance, perform small repairs, and manage abatement activities for materials containing Presumed Asbestos Containing Materials (PACM) or Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM), in addition to informing employees and contractors that District facilities may contain PACM or ACM.

All administrators, contractors, maintenance, and custodial staff are required to review the Asbestos Operation and Maintenance form before initiating work in any building.



SURVEILLANCE

Mountain Home High School has video cameras in most areas on campus. This video system records activity and is monitored intermittently. Administration and/or their designee has the legal right to view the recording.



RIGHT TO CHANGE POLICY

Changes to policy, procedures, rules, etc. may occur after our handbook has been sent for publication. Our school will follow the most current publication. Visit our school website for the most current policies, procedures, and handbook updates.



TIGER FIGHT SONG

*From the Plains Comes a Team Big and Strong,
Here They Come So Lets Give Them Their Song,
We Will Fight For A Win All Along,
Those Tigers - Those Mighty Tigers
Come On And Go, Tigers Go!
Fight On For Mountain Home High
Orange And Black, We'll Sing Your Praises
To The Sky
Come On And Fight Tigers Then
We Know That You Will Win Again.
Mountain Home With All Your Might
Ti-ger's Ti-ger's Fight, Fight, Fight!
Come On And Fight Tigers Then
We Know That You Can Win Again.
So Fight-Fight-Fight For Mountain Home
Come On You
Tiiii Grrrrs Goooo
Let's Go!*