

Mountain Home High School



2017-2018

Student Handbook

Home of the Tigers

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A Message from the Principal.....

Mountain Home High School would like to welcome you and your student to our school. Whether you are returning or this is your first year at the high school, we are excited to connect with you and your student so that we can support the needs and goals of all our learners. The start of the school year always brings some excitement and anxiety. With it, comes the opportunity to set new goals, make new friends, and develop new habits which lead to success. As a staff, we are confident that Mountain Home High School will challenge your student academically, as well as help him or her develop socially. We want to partner with you in cultivating a culture of kindness, service, and achievement – an environment where your student feels safe, valued and engaged. We know that forging a strong relationship between the school and home is beneficial to student performance and academic growth. Please take advantage of the formal and informal opportunities that you will have to become involved at Mountain Home High School.

This handbook is intended to share information helpful to parents and students. Many of the provisions in the handbook are required to be shared with you under state or federal regulations. Unfortunately, the sheer volume and character of some of the provisions may give the impression of an overly formal school system rather than a friendly, personal one. Therefore, our school board, district administration and school staff, in sharing this handbook, would like you to understand that we seek to cultivate an active partnership with you. The information contained in this book is intended to enrich this partnership through helping create understanding of expectations for student conduct. What is more important than these written provisions, however, is maintaining open communication with you on issues affecting the progress and growth of students.

Thank you,
Sam Gunderson
Principal – MHHS

Mountain Home High School Administration

Principal	Sam Gunderson
Assistant Principal	Tilli Abbott
Assistant Principal	Mark Cotton

Support Staff

Jenny Clark	Administrative Assistant
Rose Bradshaw	Receptionist
Jamie Hopkins	Registrar
Kelli Douglass	Attendance Secretary
Hans Kreutzer	Head Custodian
Natalie Rogers	School Resource Officer (SRO)
Allan Harris	School Security
ReNae Cameron	Career Center Coordinator

The Vision

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

Philosophy

- To encourage and support the development of tolerant, productive, and creative individuals.
- To prepare students for employability, for responsible participation in their community, and for effective living in a changing society.
- To develop a sense of worth in order to function successfully as individuals and experience positive group interactions.

Goals

- To offer quality educational experiences that recognize and challenge the varying talents, learning styles, and unique needs of the student body.
- To implement a curriculum that requires all students to master fundamental skills.

- To provide students with the problem solving and critical thinking skills needed for successful decision- making.
- To utilize the community as an educational force.
- To help students assess, develop, and value their self-worth through an understanding of their talents, interests, and abilities.

Website

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

Bell Schedule

Monday, Thursday, and Friday Bell Schedule

1 st	7:50-8:40
2 nd	8:45-9:35
3 rd	9:40-10:30
4 th	10:35-11:25
Lunch	11:25-12:05
5 th	12:10-1:00
6 th	1:05-1:55
7 th	2:00-2:50

Tuesday

1 st	7:50-9:20
3 rd	9:25-10:55
Lunch	10:55-11:35
5 th	11:40-1:10
7 th	1:15-2:45

Wednesday

Collaboration	7:30-8:15
2 nd	8:20-9:50
4 th	9:55-11:25
Lunch	11:25-12:05
6 th	12:10-1:40
Tiger Time	1:50-2:50

Tiger Time

Tiger Time is a part of the school day where students who have a ‘D’ or an ‘F’ in any one or more class must attend. During Tiger Time, teachers take attendance and a letter grade is given. **Tiger Time is NOT an option** for those who have a ‘D’ or ‘F’ in any of their classes. Students are encouraged to receive help from their teacher during this time. An automated phone call is sent if the student does not attend Tiger Time.

Mountain Home High School Calendar 2017-2018

August 10 – 14	Teacher Workday-No School
August 15	First day of School
September 4	Labor Day – No School
October 6	PD Day – No School
October 13	End of 1st Quarter
October 18-19	No Pre-K or Kindergarten
October 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30 dismissal
October 20	No School
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Break – No School
November 27	School Resumes
December 21	End of 1st Semester
December 22-31	Christmas Break – No School
January 1-7	Christmas Break – No School
January 8	PD Day – No School
January 9	School Resumes
January 15	Martin Luther King Day/ No School
February 2	PD Day – No School
February 14-15	No Pre-K or Kindergarten
February 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30 dismissal
February 16	No School
February 19	President’s Day – No School
March 12	End of 3rd Quarter
March 23	PD Day – No School
March 26-30	Spring Break – No School
April 2	School Resumes
May 23	End 2nd Semester – Last Day of School
May 24	Teacher Workday
May 25	Teacher Workday
May 25	Graduation Day – 7:00 pm – 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	\$165/class
Band Rental	\$17/summer
CNA Testing Fee	\$100 (per class)

(Fees are non-refundable)

Student Fines

Students with unpaid fines are not be 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 Master Card and Visa accepted), or online through the web store: https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/mountain_home_high_o/

Counseling Office

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.

Counselor Contact Information

Mrs. Nikki Simons – A-G Student Counselor
simons_nm@mtnhomesd.org

Mr. Randall Lucas – H-O Student Counselor
lucas_rl@mtnhomesd.org

Ms. Wendy Small – P-Z Student Counselor
small_w@mtnhomesd.org

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.

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.

Mrs. Jamie Hopkins –
Hopkins_jl@mtnhomesd.org

School Code:	130-420
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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 3rd 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 3-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.

The following are options for students who are behind in credits, due to failing classes:

- Student 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.

Students must be enrolled for 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.

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.

Grade Classification and Class Load Requirement Policy:

Each grade level needs a specific amount of credits before moving to the next grade classification. Each student are 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.**

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; specific requests for teachers will not be considered. 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.

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

Parent Portal is available for students and parents use 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.

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 1st-10 minutes of class. They will be considered **extreme 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. **If verification is not received within the 2 day period, the absence is recorded as a truancy.**

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 in order 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 receives a forged note or an unauthorized phone call is received.

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 10th cumulative tardy (per semester) consequences will be applied. The consequences will be overseen by the teacher, or administration, depending on circumstances.

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.

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 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 **2 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. Request 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.
- When a student checks out one semester and returns the next semester or later, a non-refundable \$25 fee will be assessed to the student on the 3rd re-entry and each thereafter.

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

(Subject to Administrative Discretion)

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.

Extracurricular Activities

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. For example, a senior wanting to participate in Mr. MHHS must meet all school expectations and criteria.

Corrective Procedures

In the event a student violates school attendance, discipline, or transportation regulations, the administration can impose in-house suspension, out-of-school suspension, Saturday School, lunch, or after-school detention, behavior or attendance contracts, expulsion, parent/guardian conferences, revoking the student's privilege to attend or participate in school activities.

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 chemical on school property, at school events, and on school buses shall be in violation of this policy.
- Use and/or possession of tobacco, 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

School Policy Violations and Consequences

Insubordination

1 st violation	Detention or Suspension; parent/guardian contacted if deemed necessary
2 nd violation	Behavior contract, parent conference, suspensions, or withdrawn from class with an ‘F’
3 rd violation	Withdrawn from class with an ‘F’, suspension, possible expulsion parent/guardian contacted

Weapons/Bomb Threats/Arson

1 st violation	Law enforcement and parents will be contacted. Students will be required to attend a district hearing to determine the consequences for his actions; this is a zero tolerance offense – expulsion is a consideration for this serious offense.
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Tardiness

1 st violation 10 tardies or more	Lunch Detention – EVERY tardy following the 10 th will result in lunch detention. may utilize
2 nd violation 25 or more tardies; considered excessive	After school detention – parents notified. Meetings will be held with parents and student if necessary. Students who do not make the necessary changes, may lose privileges at extra-curricular events. Students may be assessed other consequences, such as community service, if they continue to violate this tardy policy.

**** Teachers will have the ability to apply their own classroom consequences for students who are not excessively tardy.**

Truancies

1 st violation	After school detention; parent/guardian contacted
2 nd violation	2-day In House Suspension parent/guardian contacted
3 rd violation	2-3 days Out-of-school suspension parent/guardian contacted; Contract may be required

Cheating/Plagiarism

1 st violation	Receives a zero, parent/guardian contacted by teacher
2 nd violation	Receives a zero, parent/guardian conference arranged, meeting with administrator, further consequences such as detention, suspension, etc. will be considered.
3 rd violation	Removed from class with an 'F'

Behavioral Referrals (from teachers, substitutes, or other school personnel)

1 st violation	Removal from class for the remainder of the period; parent/guardian contacted
2 nd violation	In House suspension; parent/guardian contacted
3 rd violation	Parent/Guardian Conference, behavior contract, suspensions
4 th violation	Withdrawn from class with an 'F'

Fighting or Intent to Fight *

1 st violation	1-5 days - out of school suspension; parent/guardian contacted
2 nd violation	5 or more days - out of school suspension; parent/guardian contacted
3 rd violation	Possible referral for expulsion
Off Campus: If a fight is initiated during school hours and continues after a warning from administration, those involved will be disciplined as an on campus fight	*All consequences are at the administrator's discretion

Automobiles on campus

1 st violation Parking illegally or without parking tag	\$5.00 fine, after 5 citations, student will be denied right to park on campus.
2 nd violation Repeated unsafe driving	Student could lose the privilege of driving on campus and receive a fine; parent/ guardian contacted Administrator discretion
Annex Parking Lot privileges	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.

Alcohol//Drugs//Tobacco *

1 st violation Possession or Under the Influence	3 day suspension or more as determined by administration; ; parent/guardian contacted
2 nd violation	Indefinite suspension, possible expulsion, parent contact
Distribution or Sale of any illegal substances	Indefinite suspension, possible expulsion, parent contact

*parents and law enforcement will be contacted in all violations.	Most violations result in a hearing before district administration and/or a ticket from MHPD
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Electronic Devices /Cell Phone/iPod *

1 st violation	Cell phone, etc. is confiscated, student can pick up at the end of the day.
2 nd violation	Cell phone, etc. is confiscated, parents must pick up from the main office.
3 rd violation or more	Student 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

Computer Network Agreement Infractions

All student violations	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.
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****students are responsible for logging out of the computer after each use to prevent other students from hacking into their account.**

Student Policies

Behavior Expectations:

- **Permit to Leave/Admit Slips:** Students who leave during the school day or who are absent must obtain a permit to leave/admit slip from the office before entering class.
- **Hall Passes:** Any student who must leave class must carry a hall pass. This is a privilege, it is not a right. Teachers are NOT obligated to let students out of class to use the restroom or go to their locker. The five-minute passing period is sufficient for these necessities.
- **Vending Machines:** Students are not permitted to use the machines during class time. Food will be confiscated if the tardy bell has rung. **Use at your own risk. Refunds will not be given by the office.**
- **Litter:** Students are requested to help keep the halls and campus litter free.
- **Posters, Flyers, Advertisements:** All announcements must be approved by the administration and placed only on the hall corkboards 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.
- **Cell Phone Use:** Cell phones are not to be used during class time, unless used for educational purposes and the teacher has given students permission. Educational purposes **do not** include texting or calling and receiving phone calls. **Each classroom teacher has their own expectations for students to follow. ***

*If you are caught using a cell phone in the time frame that it should not be used, it will be confiscated. For the 1st offense the student may pick up their phone in Assistant Principal's office at the end of the day. For every offense after the 1st a parent will be required to pick up the phone from school. For repeat offenders, the administration has the right to assign harsher consequences i.e. Student banned from cell phone use during the school day or school year...

Mountain Home High School highly discourages cell phones, IPODS, or other electronic devices on school property. If these devices come up missing, Mountain Home High School is **NOT** responsible for lost or stolen items.

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.

Behavior Contracts

When receiving a third referral in a class, a behavior contract will be required, which, if broken, will result in the student being removed from class. However, the third referral if the student has an F average with no possibility of raising it, the student will be removed from the class with an F.

If a student enters MHHS with a record of disruptive behaviors at other schools, they will be required to sign a behavior contract. Parents/guardians will be required to sign as well.

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.

Zero Tolerance Violations

Policy

- Students in violation of zero tolerance guidelines will be referred to the District Review Committee or recommended for expulsion and referred to the appropriate authorities. (Idaho Code 33-205)
- Weapons and violent acts at school, on, or near owned or contracted school property, or at school sponsored events, as interpreted by the MHSB Board of Trustees.
- Students found to be distributing, either by selling or sharing, dangerous drugs or students engaged in drug related behavior on or near owned or contracted school property, or at school sponsored events, as interpreted by the Board of Trustees

WEAPONS – (I.C. 18-3302D, 18-3302I, 18-3313)

Weapons Defined:

Any device, instrument, material, or substance designed to cause serious physical injury, or any item, which under the circumstances it is used, attempted, or threatened to be used, is readily capable of causing serious physical injury.

Students who possess, store, or use firearms will be expelled. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to expel a student permanently.

Students who possess, store, or use look-a-like weapons, or other objects or substances capable of being used as weapons, without permission from school officials, will immediately suspended for up to five (5) days.

VIOLENT ACTS – **BULLYING, CYBER-BULLYING** (I.C. 16-1619, 18-917A, 18-3302I, 18-3313, 33-205, 33-512)

Threats, written or verbal, or acts including **bullying, cyber-bullying, and physical abuse**, violent or potentially violent, which pose a threat to the **health and safety** of students, staff members, or visitors, or are disruptive to the educational process of the Mountain Home School District, will result in formal suspension procedures and referred to the Board of Trustees for possible expulsion.

- **Harassment, (intimidation)/bullying/cyber-bullying**, including, but not limited to, any intentional gesture or any intentional written, verbal, or physical acts or **threats**, against another student may be committed through any technology included, but not limited to, the use of landlines, car phones or wireless telephones, or through the use of data or computer software that is accessed through a computer, computer system, or computer network. This includes video and/or photographic use, as a means to cyber-bully.
- In the event that **cyber-bullying** was committed by a student away from school grounds, the Building Principal or designee may report the incident to local law enforcement. In addition, school authorities have the right to impose a consequence on a student for conduct away from school grounds, including on a school bus or at a school-sponsored function. **Students involved in cyber-bullying may lose privileges of cell phone use on school grounds!**
- This includes cell phones and any other type of electronic device.

DRUG/ALCOHOL/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/POLICY – (I.C. 33-210)

Students found to be distributing dangerous drugs or engaged in drug related behavior will be referred to the District Review Committee for disposition or to the Board of Trustees for a hearing for possible expulsion.

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY -(I.C. 16-1619,18-917A, 33-205, 33-512(6))

The Board of Trustees will not condone or allow sexual harassment of its students or employees, whether engaged in by fellow students, teacher, or any person. Consequently, sexual harassment of students and employees, whether verbal, written, physical, images, cyber, unwelcome sexually motivated attention, and/or implied, and whether engaged in by employees, students, volunteers, or any person is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The Board of Trustees encourages the reporting of all incidences of sexual harassment. The Superintendent of Schools or designee will govern the implementation of the procedures regarding this policy.

HARRASSMENT POLICY The Board of Trustees believes that students and employees of Mountain Home School District have the right to learn and work in an atmosphere which is conducive to the achievement of their fullest potential. Consequently, harassment of students and employees, whether verbal, physical, or implied and whether engaged in by employees, or students, is unacceptable, and will not be tolerated.

DENIAL OF ENROLLMENT – (I.C. 33-205)

Students, who have been expelled from any school district, including Mountain Home School District No. 193, must notify school authorities of this expulsion upon requesting admittance to the Mountain Home School District. A hearing before the Board of Trustees

must be held, and permission given by that body, prior to the admittance of a student who has been expelled from any school district, as described above.

BOMB THREAT - (I.C. 18-3313, 18-3302I)

A bomb threat includes, but is not limited to placing or detonating a bomb, or verbal or written threats of bombs. Any student involved in bomb threats against a school shall be referred to the Board of Trustees for recommended expulsion, and the proper authorities will be notified.

Bomb Threat Procedures

Student Responsibilities:

- Follow the directions of your instructor.
- When told, proceed to the P.E./practice football field, then to the junior high, if necessary and remain there until dismissed by an administrator.
- Report to your teachers at both places when they take roll.
- Return to class when dismissed unless otherwise stated.
- Do not return to the high school for cars, books, or personal items until police secure the area.
- **Student Consequences:** Students who leave the designated area will receive a truancy; students will be subject to truancy rules regarding class assignments, etc. This may affect a student's right to petition for credit, which could affect graduation status.

Dress Code (Subject to Administrative Discretion)

The basic rule to be followed will be that clothing must be in good taste, following community and school standards in attire. Students are encouraged to “**DRESS FOR SUCCESS**” and come to school properly prepared to participate in the education process.

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.

Prohibited Clothing/Items on Campus (Items are not in order of importance)

- Clothing that does not cover the stomach, back, chest/cleavage, or undergarments.
- Tank tops, 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.
- Drugs, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, cigarettes, inhalants, cigarette lighters, matches, tobacco products, paraphernalia, and look-a-likes. 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.
- Gang identification paraphernalia, such as rags/bandanas, etc.
- Animals, pets, etc.
- Medications or pills of any kind are prohibited without written permission of parents/guardians and attending physician and must be stored by school officials.
- Chains, studded (blunt or spiked) necklaces or bracelets.
- Hats and Head coverings are not appropriate for the school environment. If hats or head coverings are worn in the building, they will be confiscated. Repeated offenders will have harsher consequences set by administration.

This basic Dress Code and Prohibited Items List does 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 education process.

MHHS Activities

Activity Code of Conduct

- 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.

- In order to participate in a contest a student must be in attendance at least three (3) periods for High School students and three (3) periods for Jr. High students the day of the contest. Truant or suspended students are not allowed to participate or practice.
- Athletes and participants must be enrolled full-time and have maintained a 2.0 GPA during the previous semester of school. This is also applicable to students who have failed or received no credit due to attendance issues in more than one class in the previous semester or grading period for which credit is granted.
- A student must have satisfactorily completed the preceding semester and the academic eligibility requirements to be eligible for the current semester. Student may take correspondence course to become eligible. However, those final grades must be turned into the school prior to the student's participation in game or practice. In the event that try-outs & cuts are conducted the student must have all final grades submitted to the school prior to try-outs. In the event that a student is eligible by IHSAA standards but fails to meet the district eligibility standards they may petition in letter format to the hardship committee in order to be granted eligibility. In order to be granted eligibility the circumstances of their situation must be unforeseen, uncontrollable, and unavoidable in nature. Please note that only situations that are of the extreme or unusual nature will be considered.

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.

School Dances

Organizations wanting to sponsor a dance must clear the date with the principal at least 10 days in advance and fill out a dance worksheet available in the administrative assistant's office. 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

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.

Flowers/ Valentine's Day

Flowers will not be accepted during the school day hours unless previous arrangements have been made with administration. Flowers and Valentine gifts brought to the school, during school hours will not be accepted.

Freedom of Expression and 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.

TIGER FIGHT SONG

*O Mountain Home, we sing to you with praise and loyalty;
We lift our hearts in spirit true; you guide our destiny.
Our tiger pride will always be forever strong and deep.
The memories of those painted halls,
And friendships we will keep and so as future years go by;
Forever we'll look back to happy years
At Mountain Home the orange and black.*

Notices

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.

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 recordings.

