



MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL

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SUBJECT: Melrose High School Uniform Policy-Effective August 2021

Dear Melrose High School Parents and Students,

Effective the first day of school, August 9, 2021, the **Basic Uniform** for all students who attend Melrose High School shall be: tan, navy blue or black pants, skirt or jumper and a white, gold, black, or maroon long sleeved or short sleeved shirt with a collar (polo style, dress style, or turtleneck). A student may wear:

Pants:

- Pants must be straight-legged or boot cut. Full-length pants, cropped pants, cargo pants and straight-legged capri pants are permitted. Leggings, tights, or jeggings, athletic pants, sweat pants, pedal pushers, and bell bottoms are not permitted. Denim can be worn on days designated by the principal as “out-of-uniform” days.
- Shorts are permitted as long as they are at the knee.
- Pants must fit at the waist and not be oversized or undersized (e.g., baggy pants, sagging pants, tights, or pants made of spandex are prohibited.). If belts are worn they must be fitted and put through belt loops. Sweat pants, or pants made of stretchable material are not permitted.
- Skirts or jumpers must be at or below the knee.

Shirts/Tops/Jackets:

- T-shirts may be worn as undergarments.
- Black and white polo, dress, or turtleneck shirts may not have a logo larger than a quarter. Melrose-approved shirts purchased at MHS are also acceptable.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- No portions of the uniform may be made of sheer or see-through material, including lace or garments with lace-like patterns.
- Light jackets, vests, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, and cardigans are permitted as items that may be worn over the uniform top. Jackets purchased and approved by MHS are permitted during the school day.

Head and Foot Apparel:

- Headbands, headgear, hats, caps, wraps, sunglasses, headphones, bandannas, and other items are not to be worn inside the facilities or on campus.
- Shoes can have heels no higher than one and one-half inches. Shoes with rollers/wheels are prohibited. Athletic shoes, sandals with straps on the heel, and boots are permitted.
- **Flip flops, sandals without heel straps, “house shoes,” slides of any type (athletic, fuzzy or fur-enhanced, sequined, or plain) are not permitted.** Shoes can have heels no higher than one and one-half inches. Shoes with rollers/wheels are prohibited. Athletic shoes, sandals with straps on the heel, and boots are permitted.

Other Guidelines:

- The district prohibits K-12 students from wearing any type of clothing, apparel or accessory that denotes their membership in or affiliation with a gang associated with criminal activities. Therefore, principals shall have the authority to place restrictions on the Basic Uniform for safety reasons including gang-related activity.
- Violation of the school uniform policy shall not affect a student's academic or conduct grade.
- Parent complaints about the school uniform policy and the school dress code shall be reported to the principal or his designee.
- The school uniform policy shall be in effect during both the school year and any Summer Program hosted at MHS.

Friday Exception: Melrose allows students to wear an official Melrose High School t-shirt with approved uniform bottoms (as provided above).

Refusal to adhere to the uniform requirements outlined above will result in disciplinary action. Please see a school administrator if you have additional questions about acceptable attire and footwear.

Dr. Derrick Hardaway, Principal