



## HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

By the student's enrollment in Mid-Pacific, both parents and students agree to accept and support the dress code standards of the school. Cleanliness, modesty, and good taste are minimum standards by which one's appearance is judged. A student attending Mid-Pacific is to dress in a manner that reflects an attitude and spirit attuned to learning and which enhances academic, personal and social growth. As a part of learning to live within appropriate limits (as one must likewise do in adult life and in virtually all workplaces and professions), students are expected to adhere to the school's dress code.

A student's attire must meet the following standards:

1. **SHIRTS** – Students must wear a collared shirt to school. Short or long sleeves are acceptable. Examples include aloha shirts, polo shirts and dress shirts. Shirts are not to be worn partially buttoned or as a jacket over non-dress code tops. Hoods are not considered collars. For all style shirts, short, tight, sheer, see through, cropped or altered shirts are prohibited. Shirts are not to be tied at the waist. Clothing that exposes midriffs, sleeveless shirts, low-cut dresses or shirts, spaghetti straps, and tank tops are prohibited. However, non-collared dresses that meet the specifications above are allowed. T-shirts may only be worn on "School Pride Fridays" (see below) or with prior approval from administration.
2. **PANTS, SKIRTS, SHORTS** - All pants, skirts, shorts, jeans, and capris must have a natural waistline (i.e., not low cut) and natural fit (i.e., not excessively tight or baggy). Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses may not be higher than mid-thigh. Frayed clothing, tight skirts, clothing with holes, baggy or oversized pants or shorts, or sportswear are prohibited. Examples of prohibited items include board shorts, athletic shorts, stretch/bike shorts, sweat pants, stretch pants, yoga pants, and "jogger" pants. Leggings may be worn only under dress code-allowed articles such as shorts or skirts; leggings may not be worn as outerwear.
3. **FOOTWEAR** - Sneakers, running shoes, gym shoes, or any other covered shoes are required. Slippers are not allowed. Standing on the back of shoes creating slip-on style shoes is also prohibited.

**SLIPPER PASSES:** Any student requesting a slipper pass for medical reasons must obtain a slipper pass (note) from their Dean BEFORE 8:10 a.m. Requests after 8:10 a.m. will be considered unexcused and will result in demerits being issued. Reasons such as leaving the student's shoes at home, misplaced, in disrepair or damaged, soiled or wet, will be considered unexcused. It is advisable for students to purchase a spare pair of shoes to keep in their locker in the event of the above-mentioned reasons.

4. **HAIRSTYLES** - Students are to maintain hairstyles that are neat and conservative. Extreme forms of hairstyles are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to: mohawks, tails, long nape fringes, tracks, sculpted or partially shaved designs, as well as hair coloring that falls outside the range of natural hair color.

**FACIAL HAIR** - While neatly groomed mustaches are permitted, students are to otherwise be clean-shaven (i.e., beards are prohibited for students).

5. **HEADGEAR** - Hats, caps, or visors may be worn outdoors, but are to be removed when one is inside a building. Bandannas or other symbols/garments associated with gangs and or gang activities may not be worn or displayed.
6. **JEWELRY** - All jewelry items should be in good taste for school, neither distracting nor gaudy. Body piercing jewelry (including clear studs) for nose, lips, tongue and eyebrows is not allowed. Ear gauges and ear spikes are not allowed.
7. **TATTOOS** - Tattoos on exposed parts of the body should be minimal and not contain any inappropriate messages.
8. **OTHER** - Other articles of clothing and/or manners of dress not appropriate for a school environment such as pajamas, bathrobes, and undergarments worn as outer garments are prohibited.

This dress code is in effect and will be enforced at all times while on campus, i.e., from the time the student arrives on campus and until he/she leaves campus unless participating in activities with a more specific dress code such as sports, PE classes, or MPSA activities. A student who is unable to comply with the dress code for any reason, such as because of injury, is to obtain a pass from their grade level Dean as soon as the student arrives on campus. He/she is to keep the pass with him/her throughout the stated period. A student who chooses not to comply with Mid-Pacific's dress code will receive demerits. Demerits are cumulative throughout the school year: first offense three (3) demerits; second offense four (4) demerits etc. Recurring non-compliance with the dress code is considered defiance and may result in Saturday school or suspension.

**SCHOOL PRIDE FRIDAYS** – every Friday, students are encouraged to wear Mid-Pacific sponsored club, class or sports team T-shirts. The T-shirt must have a Mid-Pacific logo and must not have been altered in any way. If the last day of the school week is not a Friday, regular dress code is in effect.