Mead High School
A World-Class School Educating Tomorrow’s Leaders

Home of the Mavericks
STUDENT/ PARENT HANDBOOK
2017-2018

**Mead High School Mission Statement**

We, a community of students, parents and educators, in order to develop productive leaders for the ever-changing 21st century world:

*Ignite* a passion for the achievement of excellence;

*Inspire* enthusiasm for lifelong learning through diverse opportunities; and,

*Challenge* each student’s individual abilities and interests.
Administrative and Counseling Staff

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Northern Colorado Crimestoppers
1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

Text Messaging- Text “TIP361” plus your message to CRIMES (274637)

Safe2Tell....1-877-542-SAFE (7233)  www.safe2tell.org
# MHS Bell Schedules 2017-2018

## Monday-Thursday Bell Schedule

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Mead High School Behavioral Expectations

All Students are expected to abide by the St. Vrain Valley Schools (SVVS) Behavioral Code of Conduct. A copy of the SVVS Behavioral Code of Conduct can be found by clicking here.

In addition to the SVVS Behavioral Code of Conduct, Mead High School has the following expectations:

Dress Code

For all Students:
• Tube tops, low-cut shirts, shirts that expose the midriff, back, or chest are not allowed (this includes T-backs).
• Shorts and/or skirts must be an appropriate length (end of fingertips is a good rule of thumb).
• Sunglasses, hats, bandanas, and “hoodies” worn over the head are not allowed in the building.
• Tank tops must have straps at least two inches in width. Shirts cut off to make tank tops are not allowed.
• Undergarments may not show at any time.
• Students are required to wear shoes while on district property.
• Shirts with offensive connotations or language are not permitted (i.e. referencing sex, drugs, alcohol, etc.)
• Any apparel altered or symbolizing gang activity will not be permitted, (i.e. bandanas, jewelry, shoe laces, hats, belts, coats, shirts, etc.). If a pattern of gang-related clothing or behavior becomes an issue for specific students, gang-related colors may be prohibited, as well.

Attendance

Good attendance is one of the strongest predictors of success in school. With this in mind, we ask that appointments, such as doctor’s or dentist’s, are scheduled outside of the school day to the extent that is possible. Similarly, we ask that family vacations or celebrations that remove students from school be kept to a minimum.

Students who miss six days of school unexcused will be put on an attendance plan. Students who miss ten days of school unexcused will be referred to truancy court. Students who are chronically absent, whether excused or unexcused, will also be put on an attendance plan.

Unless participating in an afterschool activity or meeting with a teacher, students are expected to leave the building at 2:15.

Scheduling

All students are required to be enrolled in a full schedule, which consists of at least six classes per semester. Freshmen and sophomores are required to take eight classes per semester. Only upperclassmen who are registered in at least three core courses may take a time release.

In order to promote a successful transition from middle school to high school, all freshmen will be automatically enrolled in a study hall for the first semester. Parents may request a waiver to this policy by contacting their child’s counselor or administrator. Freshmen who are struggling academically after
first semester will be placed in a study hall for second semester, as well. Parents can request that their child stay in a study hall for second semester, even if the child is not struggling.

Sophomores who are taking one or more AP classes may request a study hall.

The master schedule is built according to the requests made by students in the spring. In light of this, no schedule changes will be made except for the following reasons:

1) The student has already taken the class
2) The student does not have the necessary prerequisites
3) The student would like to add an AP or Honors class
4) The student would like to add a time release
5) The student is a senior and needs a class to meet graduation or college admission requirements
6) The student would like to add an aide position

All schedule changes must be completed by the end of the third day of school. No changes will be made after this date.

Campus Restrictions

All visitors must check in in the main office and receive a visitors pass. Students from other schools are not allowed on the Mead High campus unless for an authorized school event.

School doors are never to be propped open for any reason.

Mead High School is a closed campus to underclassmen. Freshmen and sophomores may not leave school grounds at any time throughout the school day, even if parent permission is given. Upper classmen may leave campus at lunch or during a free period only if the Mead High School has a release waiver signed by parents. See Mrs. Rine or Mrs. Derden in the main office for a waiver.

All cars must display a Mead High School Parking Sticker in order to park in the school lot.

Safe2Tell

The Safe2Tell program is a powerful tool to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of Mead High School students and staff. Every Safe2Tell tip is routed through law enforcement as well as district and school administration, and all parties are required to investigate every tip. In order to not waste the time of law enforcement and administrative personnel, proper use of Safe2Tell is essential. Tips that concern the health or safety of a student or the school are appropriate. Reports of name calling or bullying are not appropriate uses of Safe2Tell. Such issues should be taken directly to a Mead High School administrator.

Classroom Conduct

Students are to abide by all rules of conduct required by teachers. The following sequence is prescribed when problems arise:

1. Teachers will deal directly with the student and make appropriate interventions.
2. Teachers will contact parents if the problem persists.
3. Referral to a principal or counselor.
4. Possible suspension or other disciplinary action.
Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism and/or cheating are serious offenses and will not be tolerated at Mead High School. Ignorance of the academic dishonesty policy does not excuse the violation of this policy. Violations of MHS policy include:

1. Giving another student completed assignments to copy and submit as their original.
2. Copying another student’s work or paraphrasing another’s words or ideas and submitting them as original work.
3. Submitting another individual’s work as your own.
4. Copying portions or pages from books or electronic references or sources without proper citation.
5. Taking or copying answers from another student during a test situation.
6. Doing another student’s assignment, in whole or in part, to submit as their original.
7. Using an electronic device to look up answers or to communicate parts of a test to other students.

The following consequences will be applied for incidents of dishonesty:

1. First offense – The student(s) involved in the offense will receive a zero (0) for the work or exam assigned. Parents or guardians will be notified, as well as administration for possible additional school consequences.
2. Second offense - The student(s) involved will receive a three (3) day suspension from school.
3. Third offense – The student(s) involved will be dropped from the course with an “F”. Parents will be notified of additional school consequences.
4. Repeated offenses – May result in administrative recommendation for expulsion.

Dispensing of Medication

No medication will be dispensed without written direction from a physician and signed authorization by a parent or guardian. If under exceptional circumstances a student is required to take oral medication during school hours and the parent cannot be at school to administer medication, only the health clerk or the principal’s designee will administer the medication. Permission forms for medication dispensing are available at the school health office for this purpose. Students are not permitted to bring any medications to school without written authorization. Aspirin and other "over the counter" medications are not available at the school. The medications stay in the health office and are given to the student as needed. Prescription medication and “over the counter” medications shall have written orders from the student’s physician and these shall be on file in the school stating: child’s name; signature of parent; name of drug; signature of physician; purpose of medication; possible side effects. (JLCD-R)

Athletic/Activity Eligibility

In order to be eligible for athletic/activity participation, a student must be enrolled in 2.5 semester credits and cannot be failing more than one class. Eligibility is determined at the end of each week and ineligible students are denied participation for the following week.
Athletic Participation Code

All participating athletes and parent/guardian are required to sign and adhere to the “athletic participation code”. Parent/athlete meetings are scheduled throughout the school year.

Fees

Fees will be charged for students who participate in athletics, cheerleading, intramurals, and forensics. Check with the athletic secretary for current costs.

Insurance

Any student participating in interscholastic activity must be covered by a health insurance policy. If a student is covered by a family plan, a form must be signed by the parent and placed on file in the principal's office.

Behavior at School Activities

We encourage all students to participate in activities either as a participant or as a supporter. When at an athletic or extra-curricular activity, remember that you are expected to show Maverick pride and Maverick spirit; support our team or group in a positive manner. The focus of spectators should be on the participants or athletes who have worked hard to compete or perform before an audience. All cheers, yells, chants, and comments should be respectful of players, performers, teams, coaches, directors, fans, and officials. In the case where spectators demonstrate negative or derogatory behavior, they can be removed from the event and possibly denied entry to further events. The aforementioned conduct when demonstrated by a student is considered to be defiant behavior, obscene behavior, and/or disorderly behavior, all of which can be suspend-able offenses. Always remember that you are a representative of MHS. Be a positive supporter of our school. A student also may not return to a home event once they have exited the facility.

Knives

According to board policy (JICI), knives of any length are considered weapons and are not permitted on school grounds. Students found to have brought a knife to school or a school related event will be required to leave the knife in the office and a parent will be required to retrieve the knife. Students bringing knives to school will also be subject to administrative discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Technology

Cell phones are not permitted to be used in the classroom unless directed so by the teacher. Phones in use during class may be confiscated and returned at the end of the period or day. Repeated offenses may require the parent to pick up the phone from school.

In addition, all students are expected to follow the “iPad Oath” below:
1. I will use my iPad and Technology appropriately.
2. I will follow building/classroom rules for the iPad.
3. I will be on task in class.
   A. I will exclusively use apps and programs that are appropriate to in-class assignments.
4. I will bring a fully-charged iPad to school everyday.
5. I will handle my iPad carefully and respectfully.
   A. I will keep the case and screen protector on at all times.
   B. I will go to the library if having issues or need cleaning.
6. I will ask permission prior to recording audio and taking photos/videos of my classmates and staff members.
7. I understand that my iPad is the property of the DISTRICT and can be inspected at anytime without notice.
8. I will use my iPad as a Learning Device.
9. I will not delete or tamper with Profiles and Configurations on my iPad: Jailbreaking, name change, etc.
10. I will report loss or damage immediately to the library.

Secondary Student Expectations and Commitments

CHOOSE WISELY
"It is not what technology does to us, it is what we do to technology. Get smart with technology, choose wisely and use it in a way that benefits both you and those around you."
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