

# Total Learning Center

## HOME OF THE HAWKS

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Dr. Cox and School Board;

The staff at Mt. Harrison Junior High would like to propose that uniforms become a requirement for the middle school students enrolled beginning in the fall of 2018. There is much research proving that clothing has a definite impact on job performance as well as impressions made.

We have had many issues and concerns with inappropriate clothing worn to school, and feel this will alleviate the growing gang presence evidenced by the “Northside” and “Southside” colors, as well as insignia worn by a large percentage of our population. We have had modesty concerns for both boys and girls as they wear shredded or excessively baggy jeans, tight, low cut shirts, as well as violent or suggestive graphics on shirts.

We currently provide clothing for students who are dressed inappropriately and those occurrences are far too frequent. Sending students home to change clothing results in excessive absenteeism.

We believe that implementing a school uniform policy will minimize the frequent and increasing dress code concerns. We will be in alignment with our sister school-Mt. Harrison High School and more time will be spent on educational pursuits. This will enhance a positive and productive learning environment. Peer pressure will be reduced, and it will be a financial savings as the uniform we suggest would cost less than a pair of designer jeans. We are certain that it will promote safety, increased self-image, aid in the focus and well-being of students, and create a sense of unity and belonging.

We would like the uniform for Mt. Harrison Jr. High to be as follows:

1. Slate grey polo shirt with hawk and **Mt. Harrison Jr. High** (not TLC) on the upper right corner of the shirt. Shirts will have no other emblems or embroidery on them other than the school logo.
2. All students wear black or blue jeans. No cargo, capri, leggings, spandex pants or shorts allowed. Pants will not have holes, and must be worn at the waist level at all times.
3. Students and uniforms are to be clean.
4. No dominantly colored blue or red shoes or shoe laces.
5. All uniform clothing and accessory layer clothing must be in good repair, and fit loosely, but not be overly baggy. Any part of the school uniform that is torn, faded, or altered, must be replaced.
6. Belts must be the appropriate length and tucked through belt loops. Belt buckle designs, emblems, insignias, monograms must be school appropriate. No blue or red belts.



7. Accessory layering of clothing under the uniform shirt will be allowed. All layering must be solid black or white.
8. No hats, bandanas, headbands, or other head coverings will be worn in the building.
9. Students who do not comply with the Mt. Harrison Jr. High Uniform Policy may be sent home or suspended.
10. Continued non-compliance of the Mt. Harrison Jr. High Uniform Policy will result in removal from school.

Bids for the shirts are as follows:

Top Stitch: \$17.00 for polo shirt \$6.00 for layering shirt in black or white

Mad River: \$22.98 for polo shirt

Accurate Imprints: \$18.95 for polo shirt

Sincerely,

Dyann Blood

