



Meadville Area Senior High Quick Reference Guide

Welcome to MASH! This guide provides an overview of a few school policies that impact our students the most. At MASH, we create a community of learners that feel safe and respected, with expectations that focus on learning and growth.

DRESS CODE

The Crawford Central School District Dress Code applies to all students, regardless of gender. Students in violation of the dress code will be asked to change and discipline consequences will be applied. ***Students must dress appropriately for an educational setting.***

- Skirts and shorts must be an appropriate length and not reveal undergarments or any part of the buttocks. Bottom garments must fit appropriately (not too tight and not too baggy) as to be cumbersome or compromise safety.
- The torso (chest, back, stomach) must be covered. Revealing clothing and see-through materials are not acceptable. All undergarments must be covered. Camis, strapless tops, midriff tops, tank tops, and muscle shirts are not permitted.
- Necklines and hemlines should reflect an appropriate environment for learning and not a social setting.
- Clothing must be of an appropriate cut and fit while sitting and/or bending. Garments should not need to be adjusted to cover while in a normal body position.
- Hats, hoods, bandanas, wave caps, skull caps, bonnets, and any other head coverings are not to be worn by students inside of school buildings.
- Pajamas, sleepwear, bathing suits/swimwear, volleyball-style shorts, and cut-off shorts are not allowed.
- Outerwear, trench coats, and capes are not allowed.
- Shoes/acceptable footwear must be worn. Bare feet and slippers are inappropriate. Tennis shoes are required for phys.ed.
- Sunglasses worn in the building are not acceptable, unless approved by the principal or as a result of a doctor's authorization submitted to the principal and nurse.
- Spiked jewelry, billfold/wallet chains, and large beaded chains are prohibited.
- Clothing that represents illegal activities or school-inappropriate items such as profanity, drinking, sex, weapons, death, gangs, hate groups, or drugs are prohibited.
- Book bags/backpacks/fanny packs that are not see-through are not permitted to be carried to or from classes.
 - A small gym bag may be used only if you are going directly to gym (not to a class before gym).

This is not an exhaustive list and final decisions are made by the administration.

CELL PHONES

All electronic and personal communication devices must be silenced or turned off and out of view during instructional time during the school day. Students are expected to place phones in a designated cell phone holder in each classroom. Cell phones and earbuds may be used during lunch and during study halls (at the teacher's discretion). Teachers may allow phones to be used for instructional purposes with teacher permission.

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is one of the most critical factors in school success. In order to get the most out of instruction, students need to be present every day. ***Students should strive for perfect attendance.***

The MASH school day begins with being on time to 1st Period at exactly 8:30 a.m.

- If you are late to school or 1st Period, you must go to the attendance window to get a Late Admission Pass.
- The number of instances that you are marked unexcused late to school is tracked and discipline will be issued as follows:
 - 5 tardies – Formal After School Detention
 - 10 tardies – Formal After School Detention
 - 15 tardies and every 5 thereafter –In-School Intervention
 - *Senior Release will be withdrawn after 10 tardies.*

If you are absent from school

- You have 3 days to submit an excuse to the attendance office.
- Academic work may be made up if you have a legal excuse; unexcused absences will result in a score of zero (0) for all assignments (without the opportunity to make up assignments).
- If you accumulate ten (10) days of absence, you will be required to submit a medical excuse from a physician to have any further absences excused.
- The state of PA defines **truancy** as “three (3) or more school days of unexcused absence during the current school year” and **habitual truancy** as “six (6) or more school days of unexcused absence during the current school year.”
- *Four or more unexcused absences will initiate the creation of a Student Attendance Improvement Contract (SAIC) with the administration. Failure to comply with a SAIC could result in a citation being filed with the district magistrate for non-compliance in attendance.*

Appointment passes

- You must turn in a parent note **BEFORE** 1st Period to leave for an appointment.
- The note must include appointment time, location, and contact information of the appointment.
- A parent (with identification) may enter the main office to sign a student out from school.
- Students must exit and sign out through the main office.
- Leaving school without permission will be recorded as an unexcused absence and discipline consequences will be applied.

WHILE IN SCHOOL

Socializing is an important part of being in high school. There are acceptable and unacceptable ways to socialize in school. Please ensure that your time spent traveling and socializing between classes does not make you late for class.

Late to class is not being in class before the late bell rings.

- **Late to Class Consequences**
 - 1st – Teacher warning or teacher after school detention
 - 2nd – 3rd – Teacher warning or teacher after school detention
 - 4th – Formal after school detention
 - 5th and every late thereafter – In-School Intervention
- If you are late to class beyond 5 minutes, it is considered a class cut.
- **Hall Passes**
 - You must have a hall pass if you are in the hall during class or you will be considered late to class or cutting class.
 - No hall passes are issued during lunch.
 - No hall passes are issued from substitute teachers.
- **Hallway behavior**
 - Please be considerate of your fellow students. Walk in the halls without blocking the path of others.
 - Use of headphones can cause you to be unaware of the sounds and actions of people around you. Please be aware of your surroundings and be courteous of those around you.

Profanity used anywhere will not be tolerated, even if it is in the course of conversation while walking in the halls.

**** Please be aware that this guide and the grade level orientation meeting serve as notices to the procedures and behaviors mentioned on this paper and several that are in the Student Handbook. You may not receive additional warnings as a consequence for behavior infractions, particularly those listed above.**

For the CCSD Cell Phone Policy, Video/Surveillance Policy, and all other questions regarding school policies, please refer to the MASH Student Handbook available online at www.craw.org.