

August 11, 2021 Mann Parent Email

Good Evening Mann Parents:

Today we had a great gathering of Mann faculty and we are so excited to see your children next Thursday, August 19th. I have some updates and back to school announcements for you:

Our revised Middle School Standardized Dress has been approved by the AISD School Board and posted on the AISD website. There are some adjustments and I'd like to provide some clarification (but please know this is not the whole document...please see the website for all details.)

What to wear: Monday through Thursday we wear solid color polo style shirts with a collar - this year students may have a logo on the chest of the collar shirt smaller than 2 inches (in the past, no logos were allowed.) If a student has an appropriate collar shirt, the hoodie will be treated as outerwear (think coat) and permitted to have patterns and logos larger than 2 inches. The key is that the collar shirt must be worn with the patterned hoodie because a patterned jacket has to be unzipped inside the building to show the collar shirt. If a student wears a sweater, sweatshirt or hoodie that follows the same rules as the collar shirt (solid, 2 inch logo or smaller), it will be considered the same as a collar shirt and a collar shirt is not required. Have questions? Please have your child in a solid collar shirt (2 inch logo allowed) or the equivalent and if you are not sure, have your child come talk to me and we'll help you figure it out. When your child pulls out his or her favorite graphic hoodie, be sure he or she has an appropriate collar shirt underneath we we are good to go. Students will be getting details the first days of school through homeroom (and we'll include pictures.)

We also wear solid color (khaki, black, blue, grey) pants, shorts, skirts, dresses and jumpers (length should be longer than fingertips with arms fully extended. We do not allow rips, shreds, tears or holes and no sweatpant material.

Friday we can add: spirit shirts from AISD or any college or university and denim blue jeans with no holes, rips or tears.

We recommend tennis shoes and do not permit flip flops, slides or shower type shoes.

Please know that we understand navigating dress code is not always a child's favorite and we want to support our students and you as their parents. If you need help with purchasing standardized dress, please call the school number 325 672-8493 and tell the secretaries your child's grade and they will connect you with the grade level assistant principal who has resources to help.

7th Grade volleyball and football will not have early workouts the first day of school August 19th (Thursday) so all students can get copies of their schedules and time to eat breakfast and go to 1st period. 8th grade will have tryouts for volleyball and football the first day of school until 5

pm. 7th grade athletics will start early Friday August 20th. Students may not work out in athletics unless they have their physical and all forms completed.

This year all Mann students will have the ability to eat breakfast and lunch with no charge. A la carte items like chips and Gatorades and ice cream will still be for sale but not included in the lunch meal. Our free and reduced qualification of our students allows us to qualify for funds that help pay for so many things throughout the year so we still need you to complete the applications but it will not affect meal service. Thank you to our PTA and parents who helped when we did not have this in place before!

About Cell Phones: Cell Phones are to be turned off and put away during the instructional day (which is as soon as they come on campus and while they are on campus). We recognize that some of our students may have gotten used to unlimited access to their phones so please talk to them about being prepared to turn cell phones off so they can focus on school, getting know new friends and classroom experiences. We do not permit cell phone use in restrooms, hallways or the cafeteria. If you have an urgent need to speak with your child, please call the office and they will send for the student and give permission for the child to call you on their cell phone while in an office or they can use an office phone.

Sixth Grade Walk-About is a time to meet and greet teachers and "walk" your schedule with a parent Tuesday, August 17th from 6 to 7:30 pm.

7th and 8th grade Open House will be Tuesday, September 7th from 5:30 to 7 pm.

I hope this information helps and you are as excited to have your children come as we are to greet them. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

Proud to be Your Principal,

Kathy Walker