

Dear Students and Parents,

We cannot wait for the 23-24 school year to start; we have a feeling that this is going to be a fun and exciting school! By working together with parents, we have had great success in helping our students learn and grow.

I want to welcome our new and returning students to Mountain View Middle School. I'm excited about the 2023-2024 school year that we will have together, and I know that it will be filled with lots of learning and fun.

As we get closer to the start of school at MVMS, I will provide more important information in August. A couple things for parents and families to think about over the summer are:

1. Wednesday, August 9, 2023, is MVMS Open House. This is the time to come to MVMS at pay 23-24 Fees, get your school photo, pick up a schedule, and tour the building.
8th Grade Open House is from 9:00-11:30 a.m.
7th Grade Open House is from 1:00-3:30 p.m.
2. Please review the MVMS Attendance Policy (Blackfoot School Board Policy #522F2 – District Discipline Policy Handbook)

Students are expected to attend school every day. In order to earn credit, a student must be in class a minimum of 90% of the days of the grading period. MVMS runs on a trimester grading period. **Students who miss more than six days in a trimester in any class will not receive credit in that class and will need to appeal for credit at his/her school.** Students can earn back credit in the following way:

- a. Appeal for Credit – Students and parents can request a Credit Appeal Form from the MVMS administration. Students/Parents will use the form to explain the reasons for the absences, how attendance or behavior has changed, actions taken, and why credit should be granted. A credit appeal committee consisting of a building level administrator, a counselor, an attendance officer, and teachers will review the application and make a decision. If credit is denied, the student may ask the committee for a face-to-face hearing to appeal the denial. All decisions of the committee are final.
- b. MVMS may place a student on an attendance contract after the student has missed six days during the trimester to assist the student in attending school regularly. Contracts may contain requirements of make-up work, Friday school, or study hall time. Students who break attendance contracts may lose credit for the class, be required to make up credits in summer school, or be assigned to an alternative educational program.

At Mountain View Middle School, we aspire to be a family of learners that respects and cares about one another. In this environment, with this commitment to one another, we can accomplish more collectively than we could have done independently. I'm glad that you are a part of the MVMS family, and I know that each student will have a terrific educational experience this year. Please don't hesitate to make an appointment, stop by, or call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Wes Jensen
Principal
Mountain View Middle School