

Parental Partnership: Dress Code

To enable students to reach high academic standards, the school has put in place a dress code designed to reduce distractions. Implementing a dress code promotes student learning and increased academic instruction time. Interpretation of the Dress Code is at the principal and staff's discretion and their decision is final.

Dress code guidelines prohibit student dress or grooming practices which present a health or safety risk to the student or others, disrupt the educational program, or limit a student from achieving educational goals because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Uniform Requirements

Uniform Tops

- All K-8 shirts must be a short- or long-sleeve white or navy blue shirt with collar.
- Students may also wear solid navy sweaters and vests or BVA fleece jackets.
- When announced by principal, students may wear BVA spirit wear shirts with uniform bottoms.
- Undershirts (t-shirts worn under uniform shirts) must be white and must fit appropriately under the uniform shirts. Undershirts must not have longer sleeves than uniform shirts.
- Shirts must be tucked neatly into bottoms.

Uniform Bottoms

- Dress bottoms must be solid navy blue or khaki.
- Athletic, spandex and denim materials, yoga-style pants, carpenter loops, and decorative embroidery are not permitted.

General Expectations

Tops

- Shirts and tops must cover the back, shoulders, chest, and midriff. Undergarments must not be visible.
- Spaghetti strap shirts, halter tops, tank tops, undershirts, muscle shirts, sheer, or any other clothing items that show bare midriff are not permitted.

Bottoms

- Pants, capris, and shorts must be fitted or belted at the waist to prevent sagging and undergarments must not be visible.
- Shorts must extend past the mid-thigh (mid-thigh is determined as halfway between inseam and knee).
- Skirts, skorts, dresses, and jumpers must be no more than two (2) inches above the knee in length.
- Pajama pants are not permitted without administrative permission.

Shoes

- For safety reasons, students are required to wear shoes appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity.
- Shoes that are unsafe (for example flip-flops or shoes with wheels) are not permitted.
- Slippers are not permitted without administrative permission.
- Athletic shoes with non-marking soles are to be worn for P.E. class.

Headwear & Accessories

- Hats and hoods, except for religious or medical purposes, must not be worn inside the school building.
- Any jewelry, chain, or other apparel posing a safety risk is not permitted.
- Ear piercings are permitted.
- Hair must not obstruct vision or distract from the learning environment.
- Sunglasses are not permitted inside unless for medical purposes.

Miscellaneous

- Revealing clothing is prohibited. All clothing must fit appropriately and must not be excessively tight or loose. Such clothing includes all sheer, low-cut, or otherwise revealing garments.
- Areas typically covered by undergarments must not be visible.
- Clothing, accessories, or grooming may not depict or advertise weapons, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, drug paraphernalia, sexual or obscene language or images, threats, or racial or ethnic slurs/symbols, or promote conduct expressly prohibited by the Student Code of Conduct.
- Wearing, carrying, and displaying gang paraphernalia, names, signs, or symbols is prohibited.
- School spirit-wear may be worn only with administrative permission.