



**BURNS HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE**  
**Uniforms are mandatory for all Burns Sci-Tech 9-12 students**

**Benefits of School Uniforms**

There are many positive reasons for uniforms, including:

- ✓ create a sense of school pride and belonging.
- ✓ encourage students to focus on personal growth and academic achievement, not outward appearances.
- ✓ prepare students to get ready for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Careers by demonstrating a neat business-like image.
- ✓ create a strong learning environment with fewer discipline problems.
- ✓ are less likely to be distracting to students.
- ✓ can be less expensive.
- ✓ minimize the visible socioeconomic differences between children.
- ✓ eliminate pressure to wear brand-name clothing.

**Listing of Acceptable Clothing**

Bottoms: Navy, Black or Khaki/Tan (solid color)

- ✓ Bermuda-style shorts, slacks, jumpers, black athletic shorts or skirts.
- ✓ Leggings/tights can only be worn under approved bottoms, **not** by themselves (No fishnets).
- ✓ All bottoms including leggings/tights must be plain, solid dress-code color.
- ✓ Black sweatpants/ Black joggers allowed. No logos.

Jeans: Dark Blue or Black (solid color)

- ✓ Jeans must look professional – no rips, tears, holes, or discoloration to the jeans.

Tops - Polos: Cyan, Royal Blue, Black, or Grey (solid color)

- ✓ May be long or short sleeves.
- ✓ Must be a collared polo shirt or T-Shirts with a Burns logo.
- ✓ Undershirts (if worn) must be plain, solid dress-code color without hoods.
- ✓ Polo shirts can be purchased at the school with the school logo or can also be purchased at other department stores without the logo but must meet dresscode guidelines.

Tops – School Store Tops with Burns High School Logo

- ✓ Students may wear a Burns High School logo shirt instead of a polo.
- ✓ The shirt must be purchased from the Burns School Store and must have a Burns High School logo on it.
- ✓ The shirt may not be altered in any way.
- ✓ Undershirts (if worn) must be plain, solid dress-code color without hoods.

Other rules for appropriate dress:

- ✓ A belt must be worn if bottoms are oversized and/or show undergarments.
- ✓ Skirts, jumpers, and shorts **must be fingertip in length (Mid-thigh or longer)** based on the stature of the student and will be addressed on an individual basis.
- ✓ Shoes must be closed-toe, closed-heel, and safe for walking (Crocs are not allowed).

Physical Education & Yoga Uniforms

- ✓ Students are recommended to wear black gym shorts/athletic pants.
- ✓ Burns Sci-Tech t-shirts are recommended to be worn on PE days.
- ✓ Tennis shoes/sneakers/athletic shoes must be worn during PE class.

**List of Unacceptable Clothing**

- Shoes must not have spikes, wheels, or other moving parts.
- Clothing too tight or too loose is not allowed.

- Clothing must not be see-through or have tears/holes.
- Hats, sunglasses, and hoods on sweatshirts may not be worn inside school buildings.
- Any item with inappropriate wording or logos.
- Volleyball shorts are not to be worn for PE/YOGA, only at practice and games.

Clothing, accessories, hairstyles/hair color deemed inappropriate and/or disruptive to the educational process will not be permitted and will be addressed on an individual basis.

**Dress Down Days - Exceptions to the Burns Sci-Tech Uniform Dress Code**

- Only when granted by the administration for activities such as *Reward Days, Color Bash, Holidays, etc.*
- Only when granted by the administration for a reasonable accommodation.

**List of Unacceptable Clothing for approved dress down days**

- Clothing should not contain logos, slogans, markings or words that are inappropriate for school or business.
- Mini-shirts, mini-dresses, halters, backless shirts or dresses, tube tops, tank tops without a shirt, spaghetti straps, midriff outfits and see-through garments.
- Clothing with tears or holes.
- Undergarments or clothing designed as sleepwear, such as boxer shorts, tights, hosiery, pajama pants or pajama shorts.

**Dress-Up Days - Exceptions to the Burns Sci-Tech Uniform Dress Code**

- These are important professional days when professional business attire is required.
- Minimum dress is school-appropriate polo and slacks. Students may dress up in business attire such as business suits.
- Dress code rules still apply such as requiring a belt and the length of dresses and skirts.

**Winter/Cold Days**

On **very cold** days (50 degrees or below) students who walk, bike, or wait for the bus etc. may need to wear sweatpants or coats **over** their school uniform on their way to/from school. However, any clothing that doesn't meet dress code requirements must be removed while in school buildings or classrooms.

**If students are cold in buildings/classrooms outer clothing must meet the following:**

- ✓ Must be a sweater, sweatshirt, or blazer.
- ✓ Must be solid royal blue, cyan, grey, or black.
- ✓ Must only have BST logo (or no logo).
- ✓ Students must have a collared polo uniform shirt or school P.E. shirt underneath the sweater, sweatshirt, or blazer.

***BST staff will determine if clothing is appropriate and compliant with Burns Sci-Tech dress code. BST staff reserves the right to ask a student to remove non-dress code attire and change into clothing that meets the dress code.***

**Violations of dress code requirements:**

- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> offense- Warning and phone call home to request a change of clothes.
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- Call home to inform of violation and request change of clothes, lunch detention.
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> offense- Call home to inform of violation and request change of clothes, after school detention.

**\*\*\*After the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense please refer to the discipline policy\*\*\***