

K-8 DRESS CODE

****Uniforms are mandatory for all BST K-8 students****



Benefits of School Uniforms

There are many positive reasons for uniforms, including:

- ✓ Prepare students for the real world because most entry-level jobs require uniforms. This is good practice.
- ✓ Prepare students to get ready for 21st Century Careers by demonstrating a neat business-like image.
- ✓ Create a sense of school pride and belonging while being less expensive.
- ✓ Encourage students to focus on personal growth and academic achievement, not outward appearances.
- ✓ Create a strong learning environment with fewer discipline problems and are less likely to be distracting to students.
- ✓ Minimize the visible socioeconomic differences between children and eliminate pressure to wear brand-name clothing.

Listing of Acceptable Clothing

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

- ✓ Bermuda-style shorts, slacks, skorts, skirts, athletic shorts, or jumpers.
- ✓ Leggings/tights can only be worn under approved bottoms, not by themselves, even on dress-down days.
- ✓ All bottoms, including leggings/tights, must be plain, solid dress-code color (No fishnets).
- ✓ Black Sweatpants/Joggers (loose fitting) **with pockets** are allowed. Logos must be less than one square inch.

Tops: POLOS Forest Green, Kelly Green, Navy Blue, Light Blue (solid color)

K-8 T-shirts in Kelly Green or Navy

- ✓ May be long or short sleeves.
- ✓ Polos do not require a school logo.
- ✓ Undershirts (if worn) must be plain, solid dress-code color without hoods.
- ✓ Polo shirts can be purchased at www.TheSoar.Store online or at www.frenchtoast.com (source code: QS44B3M) with or without the school logo. Polo shirts can also be purchased at other department stores without logo but must meet dresscode guidelines. Non-school logos on polos must be less than one square inch.

Other Rules for Appropriate Dress

- ✓ A belt must be worn if bottoms are oversized and/or show undergarments.
- ✓ Skirts, jumpers, shorts, and polo-style dresses **must be either mid-thigh or fingertip in length** 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 (NO Crocs nor slides).

Physical Education & Yoga Uniforms

- ✓ Black gym shorts/athletic pants (solid color) are recommended for PE/YOGA days.
- ✓ Tennis shoes/sneakers/athletic shoes must be worn on PE/YOGA days.

Exceptions to the BST 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.
- ✓ Clothing should not contain logos, slogans, markings, or words.

List of Unacceptable Clothing

- × Jeans and/or denim jeans material is not allowed.
- × Shoes must not have wheels or other moving parts.
- × Clothing too tight or too loose is not allowed- no skinny jeans, tight pants, or jeggings.
- × 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 political wording or logos.
- × Volleyball shorts are not to be worn for PE/YOGA, the only exception is for practices 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.

List of Unacceptable Clothing for Approved Dress-down Days

- × 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.
- × Leggings/tights can only be worn under approved bottoms, not by themselves, even on dress-down days.
- × Undergarments designed as clothing or sleepwear, such as boxer shorts, tights, hosiery, pajama pants or pajama shorts.
- × Any item that contains logos, slogans, markings, or words that are not appropriate for school or business.
- × No clothing from other middle/high schools. College and pro sports teams are acceptable.
- × Sweatpants with no holes or tears are allowed on dress-down days.
- × Shoes must be closed-toe, closed-heel, and safe for walking (No Crocs or slides), even on dressdown days.

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. Jeans will not be permitted unless announced for dress-down day.

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

- ✓ Must be a sweater, sweatshirt, jacket, or blazer.
- ✓ Must be solid forest green, navy blue or black.
- ✓ Must only have BST logo or a logo less than one square inch.
- ✓ Students must have a collared polo uniform shirt or school shirt underneath a sweater, sweatshirt, jacket, or blazer.

BST staff will determine if clothing is appropriate and compliant with BST 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

Violation	Code	Point Category	Possible Consequences for Each Category (Categories are based on the number of points the student has accumulated)
Dress Code Violation Level 1 = 1 Point (No points given if student gets into dress code by the end of 1st period; consequences are still served)	SR	1	Warning / Provide Change of Clothes
		2-5	Conference with Student / Lunch Detention / Loss of an Activity / Copy Entire Dress-Code Code of Conduct by Hand
		6-10	Possible Parent Contact / Conference with Student / After-School Detention (1 day) / Loss of Activity / Copy Entire Dress-Code Code of Conduct by Hand
		11-15	Possible Parent Contact / Conference with Student / After-School Detention (1-3 days) / Loss of Activity / Copy Entire Dress-Code Code of Conduct by Hand
		16+	Violation becomes Insubordination with Possible Out of School Suspension (Up to 10 days) / Dismissal of Program
Note: After a student's 4th dress code violation, the violation becomes insubordination with its consequences. Parent contact begins at the 3rd violation. Adjustments will be made for our younger students.			