**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/Loggers (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

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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.