

BST HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

****Uniforms are mandatory for all BST 9-12 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, 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/joggers (loose fitting) **with pockets** are allowed. Logos must be less than one square inch.

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-shirt with a BST 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 with a logo less than one square inch but must meet dresscode guidelines.

Tops – School Store Tops with BST Logo

- Students may wear a BST High School logo shirt instead of a polo.
- The shirt must be purchased from the BST School Store and must have a BST 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 or 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 and slides are not allowed even on dress-down days).

Physical Education & Yoga Uniforms

- Students are recommended to wear black gym shorts/athletic pants.
- BST 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 nor 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 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.

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 nor tears are allowed on dress-down days.
- × Shoes must be closed-toe, closed-heel, and safe for walking (no Crocs or slides), even on dress-down days.

Dress-Up Days - Exceptions to the BST 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 does not 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, jacket, or blazer.
- Must be solid royal blue, cyan, grey, or black.
- Must only have BST logo or a logo that is smaller than one square inch.
- 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 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 (No points given if student 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.			