

## **DRESS CODE**

Broadwater Academy believes appearance influences performance, self-image, and behavior. Responsibility for appearance rests with the parents and the students themselves. Any student who comes to school inappropriately dressed will be asked to call home for a change of clothing. Students will not be allowed to participate in school activities until they are properly dressed.

### **Student Dress & Appearance (Lower School)**

- Students must wear shoes that are appropriate for play, as they will visit the playground daily; therefore, sneakers are highly recommended. No high heels, wooden clogs, rubber flip flops, or wheeled shoes are permitted.
- Shorts and skirts must be of appropriate length.
- Halter, spaghetti-strapped, or backless tops or dresses are not permitted. All tops should be of adequate length to cover the midriff or back at any time in any posture.
- Boys' hair length must fall above the collar on a collared shirt.
- Writing or graphics on clothing should not be a distraction to others.

### **Travel Attire (Lower School)**

When Lower School students travel on field trips or for school events, they wear school spirited attire in the colors of hunter green or gold.

### **Student Professional Dress & Appearance (Middle & Upper School)**

The purpose of school dress is to reflect the discipline and seriousness of purpose we associate with academic pursuits, school events and learning. Student dress and appearance is to be appropriate to the occasion and season, in good taste, and should not be a distraction to

other students or members of the school community. As such, all clothing must be neat, clean, properly fitting, free of holes, rips, tears and graphics or logos (outside of the specified criteria.)

**Broadwater Academy students are expected to be neat, well-groomed and clean in their appearance while in school, as well as during school sanctioned and sponsored events. The Dress Policy is in effect during testing and exam periods.**

- All pants and/or shorts are to be properly fitted and worn at the waist. Pants and/or shorts may not be patched, torn, frayed, or bleached.
- All pants, shorts, dresses, and skirts must be below the tips of the fingertips as one stands straight with hands by his/her side.
- Yoga pants and leggings may be worn if they are covered by a tunic, dress or skirt.
- Tops may not reveal cleavage or the midriff when reaching, sitting, stretching, or relaxing and must be without pictures, slogans, or cutouts. Logos should be 2” x 2” or smaller. BA or college sweatshirts of proper size may be worn over a dress code approved shirt/top. Hoods may not be worn in the school building. Students may wear college shirts.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Sleeveless blouses or dresses must have straps that are two inches or wider and completely cover undergarments. Tank tops are not permitted.
- Appropriate footwear includes dress shoes, sandals, loafers, or athletic shoes in good condition. Athletic slides, rubber flip flops and shower shoes are not permitted.
- Athletic warm ups (pants or jackets) are not permitted.
- No bathing suits may be worn.

## **Travel Attire (Middle & Upper School)**

Khaki slacks, shorts, or skorts of appropriate style and fit (no tight-fitting clothing) with a green polo or a white oxford shirt are required for field trips, certain special events, and for athletic teams traveling to and from sporting events.

Plaid skirts, designated as white plaid by Lands' End, are also acceptable travel attire for girls.

Fleece jackets with the Broadwater logo from Lands End are suggested outerwear options.

Footwear must be sensible, closed-toe, and appropriate for walking.

Proper travel attire may be suggested and approved by a field trip sponsor, by the coach of a traveling athletic team, and by the Director of Athletics and may be dependent on the availability of locker rooms at other schools.

Broadwater Academy-branded apparel is available for purchase through Lands' End. For the most up-to-date information, please check the Broadwater website at [broadwateracademy.org](http://broadwateracademy.org).

The school reserves the right to evaluate a student's attire on a daily basis and the possibility exists that a student could be technically within the guidelines and still be inappropriately dressed. The guidelines never outweigh the judgment of any teacher or administrator. Infractions of the dress code will be dealt with according to the Discipline Policy.