

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Our dress code is based on the biblical principles of modesty, neatness, and appropriateness. We need to be examples for the believers in speech, in life, in faith, and in purity (Deuteronomy 22:6, 1 Timothy 2: 9, and James 2: 1-4). As we determine to glorify the Lord in all we do, these qualities help us to do that in the area of dress.

It is also important to realize that parents, as the primary educators of their children, play a key role in this area of dress code. It is the parents' responsibility to guide and supervise their children in the selection of appropriate clothing. This dress code is intended to make known the guidelines of Bethel Christian Academy in the area of dress (Deuteronomy 6, Ephesians 6).

BOYS

Shirts

- Polo Style Solid shirt: navy, white, red, royal blue, light blue, gray
- Shirt must have a collar and have NO logos
- Can be either short or long sleeved

Pants

- Solid pants: khaki or navy
- Long or short
- Belt loops are required for 1st grade and up

Belts

- Brown or Black for 1st grade and up

Socks

- White, navy, brown or black

Shoes

- K3 – 6th Grade: Closed toe shoes suitable for running and playing.
- 7th – 12th grade: No bedroom slippers, 5-finger shoes, or shower flip-flops.
Must have tennis shoes for P.E. days

Jacket, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts

- Solid: navy, white, red, royal blue, light blue, gray
- No logos (except BCA logos or print)

Headwear and scarves

- Solid: red, white, navy, light blue and to be worn outdoors only
- No logos

GIRLS

Shirts

- Polo Style Solid shirt: navy, white, red, royal blue, light blue, gray
- Shirt must have a collar and have NO logos
- Can be either short or long sleeved

Pants

- Solid pants: khaki or navy
- Long or short

- Belt loops are required for 1st grade and up

Skirts / Skorts

- Solid: khaki or navy
- Shorts must be worn under any skirt
- Cannot be shorter than 3 inches above the knee

Jumpers

- Solid: khaki or navy
- Shirt is required under the jumper in a solid navy, white, red, royal blue, light blue, or gray
- Cannot be shorter than 3 inches above the knee

Polo Style Dresses (for Lower School and Preschool)

- Solid: navy, white, red, royal blue, light blue, or gray
- Shorts must be worn underneath
- Cannot be shorter than 3 inches above the knee

Belts

- Brown or black for 1st grade and up

Socks/ Tights

- White, navy, brown or black

Shoes

- K3 – 6th Grade: Closed toe shoes suitable for running and playing.
- 7th – 12th grade: No bedroom slippers, 5-finger shoes, or shower flip-flops.
Must have tennis shoes for P.E. days

Jacket, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts

- Solid: navy, white, red, royal blue, light blue or gray
- No logos (except BCA logos or print)

Headwear and scarves

- Solid: red, white, navy, light blue and to be worn outdoors only

Hair Ornaments

- Hair bows, headbands, and ribbons are acceptable as long as they are not distracting.

DRESS CODE GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Students should arrive on campus in standardized dress and should remain in standardized dress until they leave campus.
- Baggy, oversized, or too tight-fitting clothing is not acceptable.
- Pant/shorts/skirts/skorts are to be worn at the natural waist.
- No drawstrings or rivets (decorative metal) on clothing.
- All clothing should be neatly hemmed and without tattered or frayed areas.
- All shirts must be tucked in unless a student is involved in P.E. The shirt tail should be re-tucked at the conclusion of the physical activities.
- Midriffs should not be visible especially when hands are raised above the head.
- If an under shirt is worn underneath another shirt, no writing or design may show through.
- Body piercing (except ears of females), heavy or unusual makeup, or distracting jewelry is not allowed when wearing standardized dress.
- Hairstyles should always be neat, clean, and not distracting, including facial hair.
- **Upper School students (Grade 7 and up) are permitted to wear jeans on Fridays with their BCA approved t-shirt or a uniform shirt. Jeans must be free of any holes, and fit modestly. T-shirts may be worn on the outside.**