

# 2011-2012 Middle School (MS) and Senior School (SS) General Dress Code

*\*Preferred Dress Code on next page.*

It is the parents' responsibility to be sure their children are dressed within dress code. The dress code is meant to be a basic guideline and does not attempt to address every possible article of clothing. As styles change, *neatness and modesty* remain the most important criteria for deciding if a student is dressed within the code.

For BCS Logo Wear, go to [agreatidea.biz/bethesda](http://agreatidea.biz/bethesda). Before you can order, you must set up an account.

## Overall Guidelines

1. Hair will be well groomed, conservatively cut, and appear natural in color. See below for more detail.
2. Apparel, hairstyles, and accessories will be modest and non-distracting. Heavy necklaces, bracelets, belts, or wallet chains will not be worn. Tattoos, body painting, and piercing will not be allowed.
3. Sunglasses, caps, hats, and bandanas will not be worn in the building.
4. Slacks, khakis (no cargo style), or jeans of appropriate size will be worn and should be no longer than the bottom of the shoe heel. Slacks, pants, or jeans must be secured with a belt around waist. Uniform-style shorts (no denim or cargo style) in solid colors may be worn by students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and must be worn with a belt.
5. Sweatshirts or hoodies will *not* be worn on Monday, chapel day. However, BCS hoodies (over the head sweatshirts with an attached hood) may be worn Tuesday through Friday for those wearing the regular dress code and only on Fridays for those who choose the “preferred dress” plan.
6. Letter jackets, BCS Logo Wear sweatshirts, and sweaters that have a zip-up/button-up front and may be worn as jackets.
7. All coats, sweaters, P.E. uniforms, lunch boxes, etc., should be labeled with the student's name.
8. Chapel attire is required at all special events (Awards Night, Fine Arts/Athletic Banquets, and Graduation).
9. Students may be asked to wear BCS Logo Wear or chapel clothes for special events, speakers, competitions, or field trips.
10. Fridays – School Spirit Day. Students may wear untucked BCS Logo Wear, blue and/or gold class or activities shirts, or blue and/or gold shirts. All other shirts must be tucked in. Senior school males may wear uniform shorts.
11. A senior may wear a sweatshirt/t-shirt each Friday representing his/her future university following a submission of an official college acceptance letter to the dean of students.
12. BCS Logo Wear field trip shirts are required and may be purchased at [agreatidea.biz/Bethesda](http://agreatidea.biz/Bethesda).

## General Dress Code Guidelines

### Young Ladies

1. Monday, chapel day: Young ladies will wear sleeved dresses or sleeved blouses with skirts (no gauchos or denim skirts) with dressy shoes.
2. Skirt and dress lengths will be no more than 2” above the knee when kneeling, even when wearing leggings.
3. Young ladies who do not choose *Preferred Dress Code* will wear modest collared and sleeved tucked-in blouses/tops when wearing belted jeans.
4. Athletic shoes, flats, boots, sandals, or other shoes/boots may be worn for those who do not choose the *Preferred Dress Code*.
5. Middle and senior school young ladies may wear modest make-up and earrings on lower lobe only.
6. Hair should be out of eyes at all times.

### Young Men

1. Monday, chapel day: Young men will wear slacks and a tucked-in collared polo, oxford, or dress shirt with dress shoes (black or brown leather-like dress shoes). Collars must be worn under all sweaters, which must present a neat appearance or be tucked in.
2. Tucked-in polo, oxford, or other collared shirts will be worn Monday-Thursday. A small manufacturer's insignia or crest printed on the pocket area is acceptable. Collars must be worn under all sweaters, which must present a neat appearance or be tucked in.
3. Athletic shoes, loafers, and tie shoes may be worn by young men who do not choose the *Preferred Dress Code*.
4. Earrings will not be worn on campus or at any school function.
5. Young men will be clean-shaven at all times. Sideburns will be straight (not flared) and not extend below the ear lobe.
6. Hair must be off of the eyebrows and collar and not extend beyond mid-ear. A student will have 24 hours to correct this violation.

### P.E. Dress

Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>: BCS P.E. uniforms will be worn during P.E. class only. Uniforms may be purchased the first week of school for \$25 per set (shirt and shorts). Spandex shorts will be acceptable with BCS P.E. uniform shorts over them.

Senior school students will be fined \$1 for each dress code infraction up to five infractions. Thereafter, a fine of \$5 per infraction will be assessed. Infractions accumulate for the whole school year. Fines are to be paid to the atrium receptionist and are due by the end of the following day's lunch period. Daily late fees will be applied of an additional \$5 (for the \$1 violations) and \$10 (for the \$5 violations). All money collected through fines will go into the BCS “Who Wants to Earn a Scholarship?” fund. In order to better prepare them for senior school, this policy will be in effect for eighth grade beginning in January.

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## 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

### What NOT to Wear at BCS

Thermal fabric shirts/sweaters of any style

Cut-in, sleeveless, or tank tops

Shirts, sweatshirts, or jackets with large non-BCS decals/slogans/brand names

BCS P.E. shirts

Cargo shorts/pants

Capri pants

Overalls

Low-rise, tight-fitting, baggy, saggy, torn, over-sized, or shredded shorts, jeans, pants, or tops

Flip-flops of any style or overly casual shoes/boots such as UGGs

T-shirts or tops made of jersey knit unless worn under an approved blouse or jacket

Fridays – Non blue and/or gold BCS shirts

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### School Spirit Fridays

Students may wear untucked BCS Logo Wear, blue and/or gold class or activity shirts. (All other shirts must be tucked in.)

Males (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) may wear uniform style shorts.

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### *Preferred Dress Code – The Business Casual Look* For BCS Middle School (MS) and Senior School (SS) Students

#### 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Female for Monday –Thursday

Collared or non-collared modest sleeved blouses (may be untucked when wearing dress slacks or skirts)

For the layered look, t-shirt material may be worn under dress-code approved outer blouse or jacket (which is worn all day)

Jackets/sweaters made to be worn over tops

Skirts, dresses, (no shorter than 2” above the knee when kneeling, even with leggings) or business-like slacks (no gauchos, jean cut, or cargo style)

Dress shoes: flats, pumps, sandals, boots for MS (Monday), SS (Monday-Thursday)

Modest make-up and lower lobe earrings only

Hair combed out of the eyes at all times

BCS hoodies may be worn only on Friday

#### 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Male for Monday –Thursday

Collared dress shirts

Business-like slacks/khakis (no jean cut or cargo shorts/pants)

Black or brown leather-like dress shoes (loafers or tie) and socks for MS (Monday), SS (Monday-Thursday)

Earrings will not be worn on campus or at any school function.

Young men will be clean-shaven at all times. Sideburns will be straight (not flared) and not extend below the ear lobe.

Hair must be off of the eyebrows and collar and not extend beyond mid-ear.

BCS hoodies may be worn only on Friday

### MS-SS Preferred Dress Code Reward

All middle and senior school students who wear *BCS Preferred Dress Code* Monday-Thursday and have no more than two dress code violations per semester may opt out of one semester exam if they have a semester average of 85% or above and do not have more than 5 absences (excused and/or unexcused) for the semester in the class.

**Preferred dress code will be worn until the first day of semester exams. During exams students will follow BCS general dress code guidelines.**

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