

BETHESDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - MIDDLE SCHOOL / SENIOR SCHOOL SECONDARY DRESS CODE 2020-2021

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, set apart and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience...and over these virtues put on love, which binds them together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:12-14

The purpose of the secondary dress code of Bethesda Christian School is to preserve the integrity of the learning environment. The dress code is focused on modest, neat, and functional attire. Focus on particular clothing styles should be removed from the student body so that all students may realize that the major reason he or she comes to Bethesda Christian School is to work on developing the character of God in his or her life along with educating the mind. It is important that all students follow the dress code guidelines. Ultimately parents will be responsible for enforcing the dress code of BCS. Secondary students who are chronically outside of the dress code will be sent to the office, and in the case of flagrant or chronic violations students may be sent home. The following is a basic guideline and does not attempt to address every possible article of clothing. A "What Not to Wear" section is at the conclusion of this table.

Since styles may change, neatness, modesty and functionality remain important criteria for deciding if a student is dressed within the code.

MONDAY through THURSDAY	YOUNG MEN	YOUNG LADIES
SHIRTS/BLOUSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain or BCS uniform collared polos, oxford, dress, button-down shirts Sweaters/vests must present a neat appearance Only BCS logo wear royal blue/cobalt hoodies may be worn (dress code approved top must be worn underneath) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain or BCS uniform collared polos, oxford, dress, button-down shirt; collared or non-collared modest neckline, sleeved blouses/tops Sweaters/jackets/blazers may be worn over blouses Only BCS logo wear royal blue/cobalt hoodies may be worn (dress code approved top must be worn underneath)
DRESSES/SKIRTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skirts and dresses of modest fit; must be knee-length or longer (even with leggings)
PANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classic professional loose-fitting business-like or uniform style slacks/pants Plain, unembellished, loose-fitting jeans (black, khaki, denim) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classic professional printed loose-fitting business-like or uniform style slacks/pants Plain, unembellished loose-fitting jeans (black, khaki, denim) Tights, leggings, or other types of hosiery must be worn with fingertip length or longer top or dress.
SHOES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, brown, tan, or navy dress shoes with socks Athletic shoes or rubber-soled type shoes Shoes must be clean, in good repair and deemed appropriate by administration. No neon, sparkles, lights, wheels, feathers, added glitter, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress shoes (flats, pumps, dressy sandals or boots) Athletic shoes or rubber-soled type shoes Shoes must be clean, in good repair and deemed appropriate by administration. No neon, sparkles, lights, wheels, feathers, added glitter, etc.

SCHOOL SPIRIT FRIDAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCS blue and/or gold shirts and/or BCS blue or gold class activity shirts (collared or non-collared) and BCS logo wear royal blue/cobalt hoodies may be worn untucked with loose-fitting, unembellished jeans Uniform-style shorts (only) permitted for males and females on Fridays only.
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P.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P.E. uniforms will be worn during P.E. (P.E. uniforms may not be worn during regular classes or study hall.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who already have PE uniforms (that are in good condition and still fit) from last year may continue to use those. New PE uniforms must be purchased before the first day of school from www.landsend.com (boys items #486454 & 470207; girls items #486519 & 470331). Cobalt Blue Short Sleeve Active Gym T-shirt must have BCS Athletic Logo. Please login to the BCS site through Lands' End. Please make sure your are logged-in as a 6-8 grade student. The BCS athletic logo will automatically populate if you are logged-in as a 6-8 grade student. Strength and Conditioning students must wear sweatpants after class and cannot wear shorts only. If sweatpants are forgotten, they must put their regular dress code clothes back on for the remaining period of the day.
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Students are expected to remain in dress code while in the building.

The BCS field trip polo IS required for off campus trips and may be purchased from: Lands' End - BCS School Code: 900078353 www.landsend.com. Additional BCS logo wear/hoodies/cardigans/vests/sweaters can be purchased from this vendor as well. Also, BCS uniforms or spiritwear is available at Flynn O'Hara Uniforms: 1125 Oakland Boulevard, Fort Worth, 76103 | (817) 292-5437 | <https://flynnohara.com>

Below is the criteria in determining appropriate dress code items.

If the answer is "yes" to ANY of these, the item is not within dress code.

1. Is it see-through?
2. Is it too tight?
3. Is it oversized?
4. Is it too short, has a low neckline, immodest?
5. Is it a spaghetti strap, cami, or tank top?
6. Is it too casual?

WHAT NOT TO WEAR

TOPS

- T-shirt type tops made of jersey knit may only be layered under a dress jacket/blazer/sweater (for Young Ladies only)
- Cut-in or cap sleeves, tank tops, or cami tops
- No strapless tops or dresses or spaghetti strap tops or dresses (even if under a jacket/sweater/blazer)
- Thermal fabric shirts/sweaters of any style; distressed denim of any style; shredded clothing
- Shirts or jackets with non-BCS decals/slogans/brand names larger than one inch in size
- Non-BCS hooded clothing
- Heavy coats and jackets may be worn when entering and exiting the building, not during the instructional day

BOTTOMS

- Distressed denim, low-rise, tight-fitting, baggy, saggy, torn or embellished jeans/pants
- Cargo style, capri style, overalls; pants, skirts or dresses longer than bottom of shoe / heel
- Leggings/jeggings worn as pants, skinny or tight fitting pants/jeans (unless worn with fingertip length or longer top or dress)

SHOES

- Flip-flops of any style; "house-slipper" type shoes

ACCESSORIES

- Heavy necklaces or bracelets, wallet chains, or lanyard hanging/dangling out of pockets
- Young Ladies: earrings allowed on lower lobe only / Young Men: no earrings
- Sunglasses, caps, hats, bandanas, earbuds or headphones while inside the building
- No body paint, no body piercings (other than those allowed above); no visible tattoos

When in doubt, don't wear it to school.

General Hair Guidelines Hair will be well groomed, conservatively cut, and appear natural in color. See below for more detail. Apparel, hairstyles, and accessories will be modest and non-distracting. Violations of hair guidelines will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Young Ladies - Hair should be out of eyes at all times.

Young Men - Hair must be completely off of the eyebrows and collar and not extend beyond mid-ear. A student will have to correct this violation in a reasonable amount of time as dictated by the Secondary Principal. Upperclassmen (11th/12th grade) can have beards and/or mustaches. All facial hair must be neatly trimmed, well groomed. A mustache without a beard cannot extend past the corner of your lips.

Seniors A senior who has declared and has been admitted to a university may wear a sweatshirt/t-shirt/hoodie on Fridays representing his/her future university, following a submission of an official college acceptance letter to the secondary counselor.

Dress Code Violation Senior school students will be given a demerit for each infraction. The Parent-Student Handbook demerit policy will be enforced as demerits accumulate. An excessive amount of dress-code demerits may result in the loss of a semester exam exemption. In order to better prepare them for senior school, this policy will be in effect for eighth grade beginning in January.

Special Events Special events such as Awards Night, Graduation, etc. require no Friday wear or hoodies. For approved attire at formal events, please see the Formal Events section of the Student Handbook.

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