

BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT DRESS CODE K-12

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I. Introduction

Students must dress in a manner that is neat, clean and appropriate for the school's positive learning environment. A uniform is not required, but the following dress code has been developed to allow for flexibility by students and parents/guardians in the choice of school apparel. *Items not listed as approved are not permitted as part of the dress code. Dress code apparel may be purchased at any store, provided that the attire meets the following requirements:*

II. Permitted Attire

The following indicates what **IS** appropriate for school dress:

A. Tops:

1. Tops must be appropriately sized; no oversized or tight-fitting clothing.
2. Tops may be in any solid color.
3. Tops may be worn in the following styles only:
 - a. Polo shirts (with folding collars), also known as golf shirts, that button down the front, long or short sleeve. Bedford spirit wear polo shirts are permitted.
 - b. Oxford-style shirts or blouses (with folding collars) that button down the front, long or short sleeve.
 - c. Turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks.
 - d. Tops must be long enough to be tucked into pants or skirts and must properly cover the torso.
 - e. Any logos may be no larger than the size of a quarter – no more than two logos per garment.
4. Sweaters, vests, and suit jackets (blazers) may be worn over an approved-style top, in any solid color. Crewneck sweaters may be worn without a collared shirt.
5. Ties are optional and may be in any color.

B. Pants and Skirts (including capris, skorts, and shorts):

1. Pants and skirts must be appropriately sized; no oversized or tight-fitting clothing, including Skinny Pants (fitting tight to the leg) or any type of stretch pants or any pants that are form-fitting and tight on the leg. Leggings or jeggings are not permitted to be worn as pants.
2. Students must wear pants, skirts, capris, skorts, or shorts in the following solid colors only: tan, navy, brown, black or gray. "Dickie" pants with a slit pocket on the leg are permitted.
3. Any logos may be no larger than the size of a quarter – no more than two logos per garment.
4. Lower garments must be worn at the natural waist.
5. Pants (including capris) and shorts must have belt loops and must be worn with a belt. Any type of belt must be worn. (Students K-3 are exempt.)
6. Skirts and skorts with belt loops must be worn with a belt. (Students K-3 are exempt.)
7. Shorts may be worn during the specified time period only (April 1 – October 31).
8. Skirts, skorts, and shorts must be knee length or longer (*i.e.*, hems must be at the top of the knee or longer).
9. Tights or leggings, if worn, must be under an appropriate-length skirt, dress, or jumper (hems must be at the top of the knee or longer) in the following solid colors: white, tan, navy, brown, black or gray.

C. Jumpers and Dresses:

1. Jumpers may be worn in any solid color with an approved shirt/blouse underneath and must be knee length or longer. (*i.e.*, hems must be at the top of the knee or longer).
2. Dresses are permitted in any solid color and must be knee length or longer (*i.e.*, hems must be at the top of the knee or longer). Dresses must also have tops that are polo-style or oxford-style with a folding collar, or have turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks.

D. Footwear:

1. Hard-soled or tennis shoes are permitted in any color.
2. Shoes must be full shoes with closed toes and closed backs.
3. Maximum heel height is one and one half inches.
4. Boots, platforms or wedges of any kind may not be worn during the school day in grades K-6. Boots with a maximum heel height of one and one half inches may be worn during the school day in grades 7-12.
5. Socks are approved in any color.

III. *The following indicates what IS NOT appropriate for school dress*

- A. ANY TIGHT FITTING GARMENTS.
- B. Jeans or jean-style pants (regardless of color /material), jeggings, cargos (pants, shorts, capris, and skorts -- bottoms with pockets on the outside), cut-offs, sweat pants, and rolled-up pants.
- C. Athletic shorts with drawstring and/or elastic waistbands.
- D. Any dress or grooming that is distracting or is a possible health or safety hazard. This includes, but may not be limited to, clothing or jewelry that has a stated or implied reference to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, gangs, cults, symbols of death violence, obscene language, or language that belittles others (e.g. race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or physical characteristics), or that is likely to cause a hostile, intimidating, degrading, offensive, harassing, or discriminatory environment.
- E. Any visible tattoo that is derogatory in nature.
- F. Transparent clothing or material that reveals undergarments.
- G. Clothing with tears or holes.
- H. Hats, hoods, hoodies, bandanas, scarves of any kind (on any part of the body), sweatbands, and head coverings (except for religious purposes).
- I. Jewelry with spikes, and other articles judged potentially harmful.
- J. Chains or metal accessories attached to clothing.
- K. Belts made of chain link, or with wording, nameplates, or oversize buckles.
- L. House shoes or slippers.

IV. *Additional Information*

- A. **Bedford City Schools** “Spirit Wear” may be worn within the following requirements.
 - 1. Spirit Wear is defined as apparel which is sold or awarded by a school organization and which identifies a school, athletic team, or student activity, and is approved by the building administrator.
 - 2. Bedford City School District logos that identify the school and/or school district may appear on spirit wear apparel.
 - 3. Spirit Wear is permitted only in the following colors: green, white/cream, black, or gray.
 - 4. Hoodies are permitted as Spirit Wear, but they may not be worn over a student’s head.
 - 5. Sweatpants are prohibited as Spirit Wear.
 - 6. Bedford City Schools’ Spirit Wear purchased outside the school must be approved by the building administrator.
 - 7. Spirit Wear may be worn on Fridays or the last day of the school week, unless otherwise approved by the building administrator.
 - 8. Student athletes may wear approved team apparel on designated game days.
- B. High school students in Career and Technical Education Programs may be required to wear uniforms including appropriate footwear necessary for their special programs. These uniforms may be worn only in the career and technical education classroom settings.
- C. Physical education uniforms are to be worn only in physical education classes.
- D. Students are permitted to wear a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.
- E. The building administrator may allow modification to the dress code on specified days such as Spirit Day, holidays, or a school-wide event.
- F. The following items are NOT permitted to be worn inside the building:
 - 1. Coats and jackets
 - 2. Gloves
 - 3. Boots, platforms or wedges (K-6)
 - 4. Cleats
 - 5. Outerwear vests
 - 6. SunglassesThese items must be stored in the locker or coatroom provided.

Please note: In the event any discrepancies arise regarding this dress code, the administrator retains the right to use his/her discretion and professional judgment to settle all concerns or issues.