

Student Dress Code
Bedford City School District K – 12
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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. **Our dress code is differentiated between grades K-8 and 9-12 for the 2019-2020 school year on a trial basis. The new dress code will be reviewed at the conclusion of the school year to determine whether or not students will be permitted to continue or if the 2018-2019 dress code will be reinstated.**

Students in Grades K-8

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:

I. 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 colors.
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 at all times and must properly cover the torso.
 - e) Sweaters, vests, and suit jackets (blazers) may be worn over an approved-style top, in any solid color. Crewneck sweaters are permissible without a collared shirt, but must have a round opening close to the neck.
 - f) Ties are optional and may be in any color.
 - g) **Hooded sweatshirts (pullover and zipper styles) or "hoodies." (Hoodies may be worn as long as the hood is not pulled up over the head.)**

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

1. Pants and skirts must be appropriately sized; no oversized or tight-fitting clothing. Legging or jeggings, and yoga pants are not permitted to be worn as pants.
2. Students must wear pants, skirts, capris, skorts, or shorts in the following solid colors only: dark (forest) green, brown, tan, navy, black or gray. Joggers, not of sweatsuit material, are permitted.
3. Shorts may be worn during the specified time period only (April 1 – October 31).
4. Skirts, skorts, and shorts must be knee length or longer (*i.e.*, hems must be at the top of the knee or longer).
5. 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 any solid colors or pattern.

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. Boots, platforms or wedges of any kind may not be worn during the school day.
4. Tie up ankle shoe boots are permitted.
5. Socks are approved in any color.

II. Prohibited Attire

- 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, 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.

The following items are NOT permitted to be worn inside the building:

1. Coats and jackets
2. Gloves
3. Boots, platforms or wedges
4. Cleats
5. Outerwear vests
6. Sunglasses

These items must be stored in the locker or coat room provided.

III. Additional Information

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.
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. Sweatpants are prohibited as Spirit Wear.
5. Spirit Wear may be worn on Fridays or the last day of the school week, unless on a special occasion as otherwise approved by the Superintendent.
6. Student athletes may wear approved team apparel on designated game days. Team jerseys with no sleeves must be worn over an approved dress code shirt. Dress code pants required at all times.
7. Physical education uniforms are to be worn only in physical education classes.
8. Students are permitted to wear a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.

Students in Grades 9-12

For the school year 2019-2020 students will adhere to the following dress code. The students will be expected to abide by the following requirements. In the event that they do not, the consequences listed will be strictly enforced. This proposed dress code will go into effect for this school year only and will be reevaluated at the conclusion of the school year.

I. 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 worn in the following styles only:
 - a. Polo shirts
 - b. Oxford-style shirts or blouses
 - c. Turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks
 - d. Tops must be long enough to be tucked into pants or skirts at all times and must properly cover the torso
 - e. Sweaters, vests, and suit jackets (blazers)
 - f. Ties are optional and may be in any color
 - g. T-shirts (long and short sleeve)
 - h. Sweatshirts **and hooded sweatshirts (pullover and zipper styles) or "hoodies."**
(Hoodies may be worn as long as the hood is not pulled up over the head.)

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

1. Pants and skirts must be appropriately sized; no oversized or tight-fitting clothing.
2. Shorts may be worn during the specified time period only (April 1 – October 31).
3. Skirts, skorts, and shorts must be knee length or longer (*i.e.*, hems must be at the top of the knee or longer).

4. 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 any solid color.

C. Jumpers and Dresses:

1. Jumpers may be worn and must be knee length or longer. (*i.e.*, hems must be at the top of the knee or longer).
2. Dresses are permitted and must be knee length or longer (*i.e.*, hems must be at the top of the knee or longer).

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. Shoes with a maximum heel height of 1 ½ inches may be worn during the school day.
4. Tie up ankle shoe boots are permitted.

II. Prohibited Attire

The following are prohibited attire:

- A. ANY TIGHT FITTING GARMENTS.
- B. Jeggings, yoga pants, cargos (pants, shorts, capris, and skorts -- bottoms with pockets on the outside), and cut-offs.
- C. 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.
- D. Any visible tattoo that is derogatory in nature.
- E. Transparent clothing or material that reveals undergarments.
- F. Clothing with tears or holes.
- G. Hats, hoods, bandanas, scarves of any kind (on any part of the body), sweatbands, and head coverings (except for religious purposes).
- H. Jewelry with spikes, and other articles judged potentially harmful.
- I. Chains or metal accessories attached to clothing.
- J. Belts made of chain link, or with wording, nameplates, or oversize buckles.
- K. House shoes or slippers.
- L. Shoes exceeding 1 ½ inch heels.
- M. Over-the-knee and thigh-high boots.**

The following items are NOT permitted to be worn inside the building:

1. Coats and jackets
2. Gloves
3. Boots or platform shoes
4. Cleats
5. Outerwear vests
6. Sunglasses

These items must be stored in the locker or coat room provided.

III. Additional Information

1. 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 throughout the day.
2. Physical education uniforms are to be worn only in physical education classes.
3. Students are permitted to wear a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.

IV. Consequences for students

Grades K-8

1st OFFENSE

Parents will be called and asked to bring their child appropriate clothing. In the event a parent is unable to provide a change of clothes, the student will be provided with a dress code shirt.

2nd through 4th OFFENSE

Parents will be called and asked to bring their child appropriate clothing. In the event a parent is unable to provide a change of clothes, the student will be provided with a dress code shirt. Students may be assigned recess detention or after school detention.

5th OFFENSE AND BEYOND

Parents will be called and asked to bring their child appropriate clothing. In the event a parent is unable to provide a change of clothes, the student will be provided with a dress code shirt. The student may be assigned Saturday School or suspension.

Grades 9-12

1st OFFENSE

Parents will be called and asked to bring their child appropriate clothing. In the event a parent is unable to provide a change of clothes, the student will be provided with a dress code shirt.

2nd OFFENSE

Parents will be called and asked to bring their child appropriate clothing. In the event a parent is unable to provide a change of clothes, the student will be provided with a dress code shirt. The student will be assigned a one-hour after school detention. If a student doesn't attend detention, Saturday School will be assigned and progressive discipline will apply.

3rd OFFENSE AND BEYOND

Parents will be called and asked to bring their child appropriate clothing. In the event a parent is unable to provide a change of clothes, the student will be provided with a dress code shirt. The student will be assigned Saturday School and/or Suspension from school. If a student doesn't attend Saturday School, he/she will be suspended and progressive discipline will apply.

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. All decisions are final with respect to violations and consequences of the dress code policy.