

Student Dress Code

The primary objective of the dress code is to give priority to the development of the inner self over the outer self. (1 Peter 3:3-4) Therefore, the criteria for the dress code promotes modesty, respect, safety and discretion. Students are expected to arrive at school in dress code and stay in dress code throughout the day. Parents must cooperate with the school in enforcement of the dress code by purchasing clothing items that coincide with the dress code. *(The administration has final say on dress appropriateness. The dress code is strictly enforced. Check with the office if you are uncertain about your uniform selections.)*

- **Stores:** Clothing may be purchased from stores other than Dennis Uniform as long as it is matching uniform in color, style, weight of fabric, and are free of decoration. **All plaid items must be purchased through Dennis Uniform.**
- **Unapproved Items:** Clothing items, or accessories, that are not specifically approved as part of the BCS uniform may not be worn at school. Unapproved items include, but are not limited to, neckties, scarves, vests (except approved sweaters or fleece), ponchos, wraps, shawls, throws, head wraps, do-rags, etc. Also long belts, wallet chains, items depicting images of profanity, sexuality, violence, drugs, alcohol, skulls, etc., may not be worn to school.
- **Shirts:** Polo – navy blue, hunter green, white or red (no cap sleeves)
Long and short sleeved, button placket, and pique or interlock knit. *(Ties may not be worn with polos.)*
 - Turtleneck and mock turtleneck – navy blue, hunter green, white or red
 - Long sleeve, interlock knit
 - Oxford shirt – white, button down collar *(Oxfords must be tucked in.)*
 - Blouses – white, bras must not be visible through outer shirt. Camisole may be necessary. *(Blouses must be tucked in, unless it is the over blouse style.)*

If students want to wear an optional “ purple ” polo shirt, it MUST be purchased from Dennis Uniform . Purple shirts from other stores and manufacturers are NOT approved.
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Additional notes: If left un-tucked, shirts must be no longer than the bottom of back pocket or shorter than just below belt loops (no bare midriff or exposed cleavage at any time).

Pants: Color: khaki, navy blue, black

Traditional/classic fit, twill, pleated or flat front, straight leg, fitted at waist, sized appropriately. **No** excessive bagginess or tight fitting, low-rise, flare bottom, cargo, painter/carpenter, exterior pockets, drawstring styles or capri/flood styles allowed. No denim, jean, corduroy, or stretch material allowed. Belts must be worn inside the belt loops.

Shorts: Color: khaki, navy blue, black, blackwatch plaid

Traditional/classic fit, twill, pleated or flat front, straight leg, fitted at waist, sized appropriately. **No** excessive bagginess or tight fitting, low-rise, cargo, painter/carpenter, exterior pockets, drawstring styles allowed. No denim, jean, corduroy or stretch material allowed. Shorts must have a minimum of a 6-inch inseam and may not extend below the knee cap. No excessive outer pocket stitching. Belts must be worn inside the belt loops.

Skirts, skorts and jumpers: Color: khaki, navy blue, black, blackwatch plaid

Length may be no more than 4-inches above the knee cap. No decorative zippers or buckles are allowed. A full skort panel is not required.

Sweatshirts: Color: navy blue, hunter green, white, red or Bradshaw logo wear.

They may not have brand names, writing or other designs printed or woven into material and a uniform shirt must be worn underneath at all times. Styles must be pullover crew, hooded, or zip front hooded. *Sweatshirts, whether lined or unlined, zip-up or pullovers, do not qualify as jackets or coats for dress code purposes.*

Undergarments: Undergarments must be a solid BCS uniform shirt color (navy blue, hunter green, white, or red). Undershirt must not hang below outer shirt. Bras must not be visible through outer shirt.

Sweaters: Color: navy blue, hunter green, white or red

Sweaters may not have logos (other than BCS logo), writing, or other designs printed or woven into material with the exception of ribbed or cable knitting. Sweaters with zippers and hoods are allowed. *Crew sweaters may be pullover or cardigan. V-neck sweaters may be pullover, cardigan, or vest*

Coats/Fleece: Coats and fleece are considered outerwear. No oversized or objectionable words or pictures permitted. *Fleece may be zip up jacket or vest. Sweatshirts, **whether lined or unlined**, do not qualify as jackets or coats for dress code purposes.*

Headwear: Hats, visors, caps, knit stocking caps, sweatshirt hoods, head wraps, or any other head covering are **not** to be worn inside any classroom or office. They also are not to be worn during any indoor chapel service or assembly. If head coverings are worn outdoors, they **must** face forward. They are not to be worn backwards or cocked at an angle.

Footwear: Footwear must be worn at all times. Tennis shoes must be worn during PE. All shoes must have a back strap. Socks, leggings, and tights must be solid and matching in color of white, navy blue, black, red, green, or flesh tone.

Free Dress Days: At various times during the year students enjoy “Free Dress” days. School uniforms are permitted, but are not required, on “Free Dress” days. Free dress must be appropriate for a Christian school. No offensive language or images such as profanity, sexuality, violence, drugs, alcohol, skulls etc. are permitted. Clean casual shirts and jeans are allowed but they must not be ripped, torn, or shredded. Free dress must be modest. Tank tops may be worn but a tee shirt **must** be worn underneath. No bare midriffs or shoulders are allowed. *Pajamas, sweatpants, and loungewear are **not** permitted on free dress days. For safety reasons, shoes and sandals must have a back or back strap. Flip-flops or bedroom slippers are not allowed.*

Spirit Days: Some free dress days are referred to as “Spirit Days.” Specific attire guidelines will be announced in advance for special theme “Spirit Days.” On “Spirit Days,” students must dress according to the announced theme **or** they must wear the regular school uniform.

Grooming Standards

General Guidelines:

- All students should present a neat and clean appearance
- Hairstyles should not detract from the education atmosphere of the classroom
- Hairstyles are to be well maintained and groomed. Hairstyles should be traditional. No spiked, Mohawk, or razor cut designs, etc. are allowed.
- Any dyed hair must be a natural color
- Tattoos, permanent or temporary may not be viewable
- Drawing or writing on exposed skin is not permitted
- Oversized jewelry is not allowed including but not limited to: large chains, large leather wristbands or collars, and spiked attire

Boys Guidelines:

- Boys’ haircuts shall be in a style that:
 - Does not extend below the top of the shirt collar
 - Does not extend below the eyebrow
 - Does not include any braids, tails, locks, etc. to circumvent the above guidelines.
- Facial Hair shall be clean shaven, except that:
 - Sideburns may extend no lower than the bottom of the ear
 - Neatly trimmed moustaches and/or goatees are permitted
 - Moustache and/or goatee hair may be no longer than ½ inch
- Boys are not allowed to wear earrings or any body piercing.

Girls Guidelines:

- Make-up may not be worn in excess
- No more than 2 earrings may be worn in each ear
- No body piercing is allowed.