

### **Dress Code-Mandatory School Uniform\*\*\*Approved by BOE May 11, 2010**

School uniforms help to booster a child's self-esteem and encourage the main focus in the classroom to be on education and not fashion. The potential benefits of school uniforms include instilling discipline, helping students resist peer pressure and helping school officials recognize intruders who come to the school. BHS students will be expected to wear uniforms Monday-Friday. Principals may occasionally allow a dress down day on Friday or professional dress for special occasions such as Honor's Day.

**We recognize the students right to express individuality must be balanced with the need to create a positive learning environment with minimal distractions. Good grooming and appropriate dress have a positive impact on student achievement and conduct. Our dress code is designed to encourage academic focus, minimize disruption and to teach students the importance of dressing for success. Appropriate dress is expected of all students. Any extremes in dress may be questioned. The dress code policy shall be enforced at all times while on school grounds and on school sponsored transportation unless otherwise approved by an administrator.**

#### **Below is a detailed list of the approved BHS Dress Code:**

Polo Shirts with collars/Dress Shirts with collars/Turtlenecks-**Any color top may be worn but must be of a solid color.** (No large logos- 1 ½" or smaller is acceptable, and T-shirts and cowl necks are prohibited). The neckline of shirts should not reveal cleavage.

Long Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skort/Dresses-Any color variation of Khaki, Black, Navy Blue (**Solid Colors Only; No Denim Material**) Students should not wear form fitting garments such as lycra, spandex, stretch, leggings, jeggings/tights or body pants. Pants should not have revealing cut-outs or holes. Leggings or tights may be worn with appropriate length uniform.

#### **DO'S (required)-All BHS Students**

- All pants and belts should be worn at the natural waistline and excess belt must be tucked in loops. Belt buckles cannot be larger than 2 inches in width, height, or diameter.
- Shirts, blouses, skirts, pants, and shorts must cover the mid-drift and undergarments.
- Shirts and blouses shall have either long or short sleeves and must be properly tucked in. No tank/tube tops.
- Clothing should NOT have writing, numbers, designs, emblems, symbols or insignias of any kind except for one brand name logo which is smaller than 1½" in diameter, unless it is an approved school related item of clothing.
- Dresses must have a collar or be worn over a dress code collared shirt or blouse.
- Halter-tops, tube tops, crop tops, midriffs, tank tops, see-through and backless shirts and spaghetti-strap tops are not permitted.
- Clothing with holes and or slits in inappropriate areas or areas that prevent the garment from meeting guidelines for shorts, pants, and skirts is prohibited.
- **Dress, skort, short and skirt hemlines should touch the top of the kneecap when worn properly at the waist and when standing upright.**
- Leggings, footless tights, or other under garments **may not** be used to meet hemline requirements.
- Undergarments, including gym shorts and bras should not be visible through the uniform.
- Hats, scarves used as head coverings, sweatbands, wristbands, du rags, bandanas, and any other item used to completely cover the head are prohibited. These items must be stored in lockers at the time of arrival to school.
- Chains (wallet, extended key chains, etc.) are prohibited and may not be worn hanging from dresses or pants.
- All clothing (pants, shorts, shirts, skirts) must be worn and fastened in the conventional manner.
- All outerwear, including but not limited to sweaters, cardigans, vests, jackets, and "hoodies", are allowed when appropriately sized and worn over prescribed shirts/blouses. If the outerwear includes a hood, the hood must **not** be worn in the building. ID badges must be visible on the outerwear.
- Pillows and blankets are not appropriate for a classroom setting. These items **will be** confiscated if they become disruptive to the learning environment.

**DON'Ts (not permitted)**

- No clothing that displays or implies profane, vulgar, obscene language/gestures or illegal activities.
- **No hats/handkerchiefs/bandanas or extreme head attire are to be worn.**
- No clothing that promotes “hate” groups, violence, racism or illegal activity.
- **No see through clothing including sheer tops with tanks underneath.**
- No trench coats
- No bedroom shoes
- No sweatpants
- Heavy outer wear must be removed and placed in locker
- No biker shorts, Spandex or lycra garments as the outer article of clothing
- No pajama pants
- Additional items as listed under Prohibited Items

**\*Exceptions may be made by administration in recognition of or participation in special events. Principal's Permission Required**

- School related T-shirts worn by a group (i.e. Senior shirts)
- Use of school name (real or implied) for any activity
- Students may wear professional attire such as dresses, suits, and ties. Professional attire does not include sleeveless blouses.
- Administratively approved athletic apparel may be worn by student athletes on the day of the athletic/performance event.

**Inappropriate dress (dress that is revealing or disruptive to the learning environment) cannot be tolerated. Failure to comply with the school dress code shall result in progressive discipline.**

**1st offense** - Counseling session with an administrator and an opportunity to contact a parent to secure a change in clothing. The student shall report to the student center until a change in clothes is available.

If unable to obtain a change in clothing the student shall remain in the student center for the remainder of the school day or be suspended for the balance of the day.

**2nd offense** - Student center or suspension, as above with administrator's contact of parent via phone and/or letter.

**3rd offense** - Student Center or suspension as above but cannot be readmitted to classes until parent meeting.

**Violations to the dress code are defined as incidents where students are wearing clothing that is outside of the parameters of the dress code policy (i.e. wrong color pants, shirts without collars, etc.)**