

Dress Code Policy

Bay District Schools



Our Students Dress for Success!

The Importance of an Effective Dress Code Policy

Our professional educators and staff understand the effect that clothing and grooming can have on student behavior and a commitment to learning. We also know parents play a vital role in helping students have a successful school experience, which includes making appropriate choices when it comes to clothing, accessories and personal appearance.

In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the Bay District School Board expects all students to follow the policy and make smart choices about personal appearance.

Students should avoid attire that seriously distracts from the learning environment, is considered to be disruptive or could present a health or safety problem.

Dress for Success Every Day!

The School Board has adopted the following mandatory rules for dress and grooming (BDS Policy 7.209):

Tops:

- Polo/golf shirt with collar and buttons or;
- Collared dress shirt with sleeves (no cap sleeves) (underarm must be covered) or;
- Turtlenecks, or in grades K-5 T-shirts - all tops must be unaltered;
- School approved T-shirts (club, spirit, etc) – unaltered;
- Maximum of 3 colors (white and 2 colors to be determined by the School Advisory Committee - SAC)
- Club and activity shirts not in school colors must be a nationally recognized school-sponsored organization, i.e. Key Club, National Honor Society, etc.
- Must be a solid school color except for school approved shirts
- Small manufacturer's trade-mark is acceptable
- Must be appropriately fitted
- Students may layer tops; however, all visible tops must be in the designated colors. Tops worn as undergarments must be in designated school colors.

Bottoms:

- Belts must be worn if the pants have belt loops.
- Belts must be traditional and must be worn in loops and pants shall be unaltered.
- Bottoms can be khaki, navy blue or blue jeans (Not cut offs).
- With site based administrative approval bottoms can be black.
- Bottoms must be appropriately fitted and seated at the waist.
- Large pocket style shorts may be worn. No hip huggers, no holes, and no overalls (6-12 only).
- No large pocket style pants, no bell bottoms, no baggy pants, no hip huggers, no holes, no carpenter pants and no overalls (6-12 only).
- No shorts, skirts or dresses shorter than five inches (5") above the knee caps as measured standing up, (K-5 students may wear jumpers).
- Dresses with sleeves (underarm must be covered) must be one of the school's chosen colors and a solid color.

Shoes:

- Small manufacturer's trade mark and minimal embellishments are acceptable.
- Closed toes and closed backs.
- Sandals with back or back strap for grades K-5 only.
- No bedroom shoes.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Hoodies:

- Sweaters allowed if school approved.
- Must be solid color (unless school approved* spirit or club).
- Must be one of the 3 approved colors (school logo not required).
- Long-sleeved sweatshirts/hoodies must be one of the 3 approved colors (school logo not required).
- Must be appropriately fitted.

Other:

- Scarves must be worn appropriately around the neck or shoulders (accessory item only; no bandanas).
- No head wear except sunglasses. Hats or other sun-protective wear to only be worn while students are outdoors during school hours (not during class changes); however, at all other times, the sun-protective items must be properly stored by the student in pockets, purse, locker or backpack.
- No jewelry or accessory that may be used as weapons such as chains or spiked jewelry.
- Jackets/coats must have either buttons, zippers or snaps that are from top to bottom. Jackets can be any color. Jackets may be worn in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher.
- Students participating in extracurricular activities shall conform to the standards of this policy while attending classes during the regular school day. Cheerleaders may wear their uniforms when required for participation in school sanctioned activities. Athletes may wear the team jerseys on game days with appropriate uniform bottoms.
- No bedroom clothes.

Exceptions to wearing the uniform are permitted when:

- A student wears a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, on regular meeting days;
- A student wears a costume, special clothing or dress attire necessary for participation in a school-sponsored or extracurricular activity provided the clothing complies with District policy.
- The wearing of a uniform violates a student’s sincerely held religious belief. Students enrolled in special programs such as on-the-job vocational training, or participating in school activities which require additional standards of dress or grooming shall comply with such additional standards. When applicable, students shall be required to “dress out” and wear physical education uniforms prescribed by the school.
- Students whose school zone was changed by the school board will be allowed to wear the previous school’s color as well as the present school’s colors for the current school year.
- A parent/guardian requests a reasonable accommodation to address the student’s disability, or medical condition. Such a request shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the principal for approval.

Consequences for Violations of the Dress Code Policy:

- First and second offense consequences are: notification of parent or guardian; change of inappropriate attire.
- Consequences for subsequent offenses may include one or more of the following at the discretion of the principal:
 - notification of parent or guardian;
 - change of inappropriate attire;
 - one to three days of in-school or out of school suspension; or
 - three days after school detention, if available.
- The fourth and subsequent offenses are willful disobedience which will result in further disciplinary action, which may include out of school suspension or expulsion.
- Any absence resulting from a violation of the Student Dress Code will be considered an unexcused absence.

Prohibited Attire at all Schools

- While on school grounds during the regular school day, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. Any student who violates this specific policy of prohibited attire is subject to the following disciplinary actions:
 - For a first offense, a student shall be given a verbal warning and the school principal shall call the student’s parent or guardian.
 - For a second offense, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed five (5) days and the school principal shall meet with the student’s parent or guardian.
 - For a third or subsequent offense, a student shall receive an in-school suspension pursuant to §1003.01(5), Florida Statutes for a period not to exceed three (3) days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, and the school principal shall call the student’s parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student’s in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Any interpretation of the dress code that is required of this policy shall be the responsibility of the principal of each school. The Superintendent is authorized to make the final decision regarding the interpretation, application and enforcement of this policy and to make certain that it is being uniformly applied and enforced at each of the schools within the District.

SCHOOL COLORS	
High Schools	Shirt Colors
A. Crawford Mosley	Green, Orange, White
Bay	Black, Red, White
J.R. Arnold	Gray, Navy, White
Rosenwald	Maroon, Black, White
Rutherford	Black, Yellow/Gold, White
Middle Schools	
C.C. Washington	Light Blue, Navy, White
Everitt	Red, Royal Blue, White
Jinks	Dark Green (Forest), Gold, White
Merritt Brown	Orange, Royal Blue, White
Mowat	Dark Blue/Navy, Yellow, White
Surfside	Black, Turquoise (Teal), White
Elementary Schools	
Callaway	Gold, Royal Blue, White
Cedar Grove	Red, Royal/Navy Blue, White
Deer Point	Solid Royal Blue, White, Green
Hiland Park	Red, Yellow, White
Hutchinson Beach	White, Orange, Blue
Lucille Moore	Red, Royal/Navy Blue, White
Lynn Haven	Red, Navy Blue, White
M. Cherry Street	Red, Royal Blue, White
Northside	Navy Blue, Yellow, White
Oakland Terrace	Black, Royal Blue, White
Oscar Patterson	Green, Yellow, White
Parker	Dark Green (Hunter), Light Blue, White
Patronis	Green, Yellow, White
Southport	Navy Blue, Red, White
Springfield	Hunter Green, Orange, White
Tommy Smith	Red, Royal/Navy Blue, White
Tyndall	Blue, Red, White
Waller	Navy Blue, Yellow, White
West Bay	Red, White, Blue
K-8 School	
Breakfast Point	Solid White, Blue, Yellow
K-12 School	
Deane Bozeman	Navy Blue, Red, White
Special Purpose Schools	
MKL	Blue, Gold, White
New Horizons	Navy Blue, White, Red
St. Andrew	Navy/Royal Blue, Red, White

To Our Parents and Students

Thank you for working with us to ensure a safe and secure educational environment that is free from distractions based on grooming and clothing issues. If you have any questions about specific items of clothing and whether they are appropriate for school wear, please contact your school administrator or guidance counselor for assistance.

For additional information, contact your school principal, or the Director of Student Services at 850-767-4311.