

BCMS Student Dress Code New for 2016-2017

Dress Code

All workplace environments have expectations for dress. The following dress code establishes **minimum expectations** for student dress while students are involved in their work of acquiring a public school education. The dress code ensures appropriate clothing that is not offensive, provocative, or disruptive and reinforces safe behaviors and a safe and orderly learning environment.

Safety and the Dress Code

At Bath County Middle School we rely upon a system of supervision and monitoring by staff and surveillance cameras to maintain a safe school environment. So as not to obscure the identity of any student or visitor, the following items are **prohibited from being worn** (or carried, as appropriate) at school:

- hats or caps
- sunglasses or any colored lens glasses cosmetic contact lenses
- theatrical type make-up
- dog collars or hardware chains
- Bandannas (obscuring face or head), gang colors, or gang paraphernalia

Shirts

- Neither the fabric, nor fit, nor fashion of a shirt or top shall allow exposure of undergarments or the midriff, whether the student is seated, standing, or moving.
- All types of shirts and tops must be worn close to the neckline and may NOT show cleavage
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- Shirt types inappropriate for our school setting include, but is not limited to: Tube, tank, halter, dropped arm holes, crop, or uncovered cami.
- The length of a shirt must be long enough to be tucked into pants.
- Hooded sweatshirts may be worn; however, students are not permitted to have the hood pulled over their heads.

Pants

- Neither the fabric, nor fit, nor fashion of pants or dresses shall allow exposure of undergarments or the midriff whether the student is seated, standing, or moving.
- Pants must be worn at waist level. Pants must be size appropriate and cannot drag the floor
- Any holes in pants must be below knee level and cannot be large enough to be deemed inappropriate or a safety concern. Any skin exposed above the knee must be covered.
- Pajama pants are unacceptable.

Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses

- Neither the fabric, nor fit, nor fashion of a shorts, skirts, or dresses shall allow exposure of undergarments or the midriff whether the student is seated, standing, or moving.
- All shorts, skirts, and dresses shall be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- Shorts and skirts must be worn at waist level and may not have holes above knee level.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times and must fit securely through design with strapping or tied laces.

- Shoes must be appropriate for the classroom activity.
- Cleats may not be worn in the building.
- Wheeled shoes are not permitted.

BODY PIERCING, HAIR COLORING & TATTOOS

- Any visible body piercing, tattoo, or hairstyle deemed to be a distraction to the learning environment or a health and safety concern by administration will not be allowed.
- Body piercings must be removed if requested by the teacher for their classroom activities.

BACKPACKS, LARGE PURSES & BAGS

- Students may carry one bag to classes during the school day.

COATS & JACKETS

- Heavy winter coats and jackets shall remain in lockers unless permission is otherwise granted.

DISRUPTIONS TO THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Strictly prohibited are any types of clothing and accessories that promote alcohol, drugs, gangs, weapons, tobacco, violence, sexual behavior, profanity, or discrimination through words, pictures, or innuendo.
- Headphones or any other type of electronic device or accessory should not be visible unless the student is in the appropriate zone. Headphones should never be worn as an accessory around the neck or in any other visible manner.

Special Occasion Dress Code

There will be special occasions that are held throughout the school year, and we realize that students will have the option to dress in a certain fashion for a more formal event. Remember that you must be in compliance the following dress code:

Appropriate dress for formal and semi-formal events will be as follows:

- Spaghetti straps and strapless dresses will be permitted.
- Two-piece dresses must overlap. No midriff can be shown even when arms are raised
- Mesh or see-through inserts in the midriff will not be permitted
- Camisole backs (lace-up) will be permitted.
- No cleavage can be shown on dress
- Back of dress should not go below the natural waist
- Short dresses must follow dress code measurement; this includes slits along dresses.
- Undergarments must be worn.
- Boys must wear standard formal wear, which includes appropriate footwear.

**If you are not dressed appropriately you will not be permitted to attend the event.
Remember - if you are in doubt, don't wear it!**

Any exceptions to this dress code must be approved by BCMS Principal and/or his/her designee.

If a student is in violation of the school dress code will receive the following consequences (Teachers as always parent contact is necessary at all levels of punishment):

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| First Offense | One (1) day Break Detention assigned by the teacher (teacher must report this to the Break Detention Coordinator) – student will be required to report to the FRC to change cloths |
| Second Offense | Three (3) days Break Detention assigned by the teacher (teacher must report this to the Break Detention Coordinator) – student will be required to report to the FRC to change cloths |
| Subsequent Offenses | One (1) day ISS assigned by the office (teacher must write up student and send to the office) – Parents will be asked to come in for a meeting. |