

Bedford City School District
DRESS CODE – effective August 2021
Students in Grades K-12

Students will be expected to abide by the following dress code requirements. We ask that students dress in a manner that is appropriate, comfortable and conducive to the academic school day. This dress code will apply to all students in grades K-12. In the event that students wear any of the prohibited clothing, consequences will be strictly enforced.

Clarification of Permitted Attire:

Tops:

1. Must be appropriately sized; no oversized or tight-fitting clothing.
2. Tops must be long enough to properly cover the torso at all times.
3. 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.)

Pants and skirts (including capris, skorts and shorts):

1. Skirts, skorts, and shorts must be knee length or longer (*i.e.*, hems must be at the top of the knee or longer).
2. 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).

Jumpers and Dresses:

Jumpers and dresses may be worn and must be knee length or longer. (*i.e.*, hems must be at the top of the knee or longer).

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.

Students MAY NOT wear the following:

- ANY TIGHT FITTING GARMENTS.
- Jeggings, yoga pants, cargos (pants, shorts, capris, and skorts -- with pockets on the outside), and cut-offs.
- 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.
- Any visible tattoo that is derogatory in nature.
- Transparent clothing or material that reveals undergarments.
- Clothing with tears or holes, including jeans with holes or slits that expose the skin.
- Hats, hoods, bandanas, scarves of any kind (on any part of the body), sweatbands, and head coverings (except for religious purposes).
- Jewelry with spikes, and other articles judged potentially harmful.

- Chains or metal accessories attached to clothing.
- Belts made of chain link, or with wording, nameplates, or oversize buckles.
- House shoes or slippers.
- Shoes exceeding 1 ½ inch heels.
- Over-the-knee and thigh-high boots.
- Coats and jackets
- Gloves
- Boots or platform shoes
- Cleats
- Outerwear vests
- Sunglasses

Consequences for students not adhering to the Dress Code:

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.