



Strength of Character: College or Career Ready
Central Fine Arts and International Baccalaureate Magnet High School

2024 – 2025 Student Dress Guidelines

BCSD's students are required to attend school dressed in appropriate attire that does not disrupt or have the likelihood of disrupting the teaching or learning of others and/or which does not violate the School District's dress code. We believe that students who are neatly and cleanly dressed often behave better and display a more serious attitude toward the important business of teaching and learning; therefore, all students enrolled in the BCSD shall abide by the following dress code.

- All clothing must be appropriately sized (not sagging) and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which cannot be seen through the garment.
- All shirts must have sleeves. No spaghetti straps or tank tops.
- All clothing must cover the body with no openings, slits, or holes that expose skin above the knee or undergarments, cleavage, the mid-section, bare back or other parts of the torso.
- Clothing that is too short or too tight is not allowed.

NOT PERMITTED CLOTHING ITEMS: This is not intended as a comprehensive list of non-permitted clothing items. The School District may prohibit additional clothing items throughout the school year. Notice regarding additional prohibited clothing items will be posted in the office of each school.

The following items are NOT PERMITTED:

- Slides of any kind
- Solid bookbags
- Jeans with holes, tears, frays, and slits above the knee
- Hats, caps, hoods, bonnets, scarves, bandannas, "do rags," combs, picks, roach clips and curlers are not allowed. Possession of metal picks is prohibited on school property.
- Bib overalls/jumpsuits
- Sunglasses
- Non-jewelry items (ex: dog-collar type chains, belt-chains)
- Any clothing, attire or personal belongings, associated with gang activity or behavior. Clothing, attire or personal belongings that are associated with a gang may be established by evidence of a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, insignias, tattoos, graffiti or other distinguishing characteristics.
- Any article of clothing which advertises alcohol, drugs, sex, or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, lewd or suggestive writing, pictures, emblems or promotion of aggression or violence. Any clothing which advertises or advocates the use of a product is prohibited on school premises. Any clothing which disrupts the learning process is prohibited on school premises.
- Any accessory, object or ornament that is distracting or capable of being used as a weapon or in the use of drugs or alcohol is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, artificial nails, or jewelry.
- Removable, Ornamental Tooth Caps/Grills

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- All other items which, in the judgment of the principal (designee), disrupt or distract from the teaching and learning process, such as dice, cards, laser pointers, games, toys or electronic devices.
- Big shirts, jerseys, or other oversized shirts *NOTE: (School athletes can wear school jerseys and uniforms on occasions as addressed in school handbook)
- Appropriate length shorts and pants must be worn underneath athletic skirts (tennis, cheerleading etc.) Schools have a specified dress code for athletes on game days.
- **Schools reserve the right to ban any clothing items/accessories that may present a danger or distraction to the school community as needed.**

Further Guidance (CHS)

- **Bookbags: All Bookbags must be of clear or mesh material.**
- Electronic Devices: Earbuds, headphones, and Bluetooth devices are not to be used or worn inside the classrooms at any time, unless specifically allowed by the teacher for the purpose of accessing audio files or use with specific blended learning programs.
- Top: Crop-tops that expose the stomach are not allowed. The shirt/blouse should cover the waistband of the pants/skirt. Jackets or sweaters do not correct the violation.
- Bottom: Pants with holes: Exposed skin from the knee down to the ankle is acceptable. Exposed skin from the hip down but above the knee is **unacceptable** – short pants/leggings/tights have to be worn to cover the exposed skin. Shorts and skirts must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Clothing that is too short or too tight is not permitted. If in doubt, choose a different outfit. Pajamas are not to be worn to school. Tights or leggings of any style/design should not be worn to school as pants.
- Head Cover: Any type of “head coverings” for both male and female students are not allowed (unless it is germane to deep-core religious beliefs). No hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas, do rags, curlers, or picks.

Compliance Measures

The intent of these requirements is to promote an environment consistent with the business of teaching and learning. To this end, students who are not properly attired will be subject to progressive disciplinary actions, as outlined by District policies and determined by the principal or designee.

1st Offense = Written Warning/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected.

2nd Offense = Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected.

3rd Offense = Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected – Teacher completes a referral to the counselor.

4th Offense – Teacher contacts parent and completes office referral; Student may receive up to 2 days ISS.

5th Offense & Subsequent- Teacher contacts parents and completes an office referral; if the dress code violation issue becomes a disruption or repetitious problem, subsequent consequences may escalate to in-school suspension of 3-5 days per occurrence.

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