



BECS Dress Code

Bromley East Charter School is committed to creating positive learning environments for all students, with the dress code being a cornerstone of our approach. The Dress Code policy aims to promote learning, reduce the distraction and cost of fashion, reduce disruptions and disciplinary problems, and promote school pride. Enrollment at Bromley East Charter School constitutes acceptance of this policy, agreement to adhere to it, and acknowledgment of discipline for noncompliance as outlined in the Bromley East Charter School Student Discipline Policy.

Dress Code violations involve a phone call to the parent/guardian and may result in the parent/guardian bringing appropriate clothing to the school. The dress code grants leeway to the Administration in interpreting specific rules and regulations.

It is recommended that apparel be purchased from the uniform section of a major store whenever possible. Apparel purchased elsewhere must be the same style as apparel found in uniform sections, with no added embellishment. See the complete dress code for specific apparel restrictions and descriptions.

School-sponsored activities and special events may have specific guidelines concerning appropriate dress. Final decisions regarding the dress code are made at the discretion of the Executive Director or his/her designee, including items not explicitly referred to in the above policy. The Executive Director or his/her designee must approve any exception to this code for medical or religious reasons.

General Standards

- All articles of clothing should:
 - appear neat, clean, in good condition, and repair
 - fit properly, covering all areas considered to be private
- Undergarments should not be exposed or visible at any time or worn as outer garments.
- Hoods must be removed while indoors.
- Dress, accessories, or appearance should not disrupt the educational process or create a safety concern.
- Clothing should be free of holes or tears that expose the skin (unless the rip occurs at school, e.g., during recess).

The following are not permitted during school or at school-sponsored activities:

- Apparel, or personal items, advertising tobacco, alcohol, illegal substances, and/or offensive slogans or speech (including sexual innuendos)
- Clothing, jewelry, or a style of grooming that is identified with membership in a gang (Examples could include - bandanas in gang colors, logos, symbols, or affiliated colors)
- Apparel that interferes with or endangers oneself or others

Tops

All tops must adhere to the following:

Colors

- Solid hunter green, navy blue, white, or black
 - This applies to shirts worn underneath as well as the outer shirt.

Style

- Crew neck shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- Polo shirt
- Collared button-down shirt
- Sweatshirts (Crew neck or hooded)
- Sweaters (crew neck or cardigan)
- Blazers

School Name/Logo

- Tops, dresses, or jumpers must have one of the following on the left chest:
 - Official embroidered logo
 - Official patch
 - Patches must be permanently affixed to the clothing using sewing or gluing. Stapling, pinning, or other temporary methods are not permitted.
 - Patches must be purchased from the BECS office.
- School-issued apparel with BECS Branding is permitted.
 - BECS Branding includes:
 - Official logo
 - The name "BECS", "Bromley East Charter School", or "Bromley East"
 - BECS colors
 - Examples include:
 - BECS spirit store items
 - Clubs, athletics, or student group apparel

Examples of prohibited attire include, but are not limited to:

- V-neck, scoop neck, or other wide necklines
- Sleeveless shirts such as tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap shirts, or strapless shirts
- Dresses that have spaghetti straps or are strapless or backless

Visual Examples of Approved Tops



Polo Shirt



Crew neck t-shirt



Button down shirt



Sweater



Cardigan



Sweatshirt

Bottoms

All bottoms must adhere to the following:

Colors

- Solid **khaki (light tan), navy blue, or black** color.

Style

- Dress pants
- Chinos
- Khakis
- Cargo pants or shorts
- Fitted pants that may be titled “jeggings or treggings”
- Skirts, skorts, jumpers
- Solid Colored Black or tan jeans (blue jeans are not permitted)







Fit

- Bottoms must fit the waistline and not reveal undergarments.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be of modest length, no shorter than fingertip length when arms are resting straight down on the side of the student’s body.

School Name or Logo

- Bottoms must be logo-free except for:
 - Jumpers or dresses must have the official school logo embroidered or a permanently attached patch on the left chest, purchased through the school’s front office.
 - Items purchased from the BECS spirit store.

Visual Examples of Approved Bottoms

		
<p>Navy Blue, Black or Tan (Khaki) Wide Legged Trousers (often made from softer materials like linen)</p>	<p>Navy Blue, Black or Tan (Khaki) Wide Legged Trousers (often made from softer materials like linen)</p>	<p>Navy Blue, Black or Tan (Khaki) Cargo pants.</p>
		
<p>Navy Blue, Black or Tan (Khaki) Cargo pants.</p>	<p>Solid Black or Tan (Khaki) Jeans (not blue because only navy blue is approved)</p>	<p>Solid Black or Tan (Khaki) Jeans (not blue because only navy blue is approved)</p>

Acceptable: Uniform Section Fitted Bottoms



- Navy blue, black, or khaki colors
- Features include thicker material, faux/real pockets, zippers, and buttons.
- May be labelled as “jeggings”

Examples of prohibited attire include, but are not limited to:

- Blue jeans
- Athletic shorts or pants (i.e., sweatpants, yoga pants, joggers, track pants, leggings, spandex, etc.).
- Clothing with holes or tears that expose skin (unless the rip occurs at school, i.e., recess)

Footwear and Hosiery

Footwear

Footwear must be worn at all times, allow students to safely engage in all school activities, including physical education and recess, and adhere to the following:

- Closed-toe, covering the entire foot
- Non-skid, non-marking soles
- Heels of shoes must not exceed 1"

Examples include:

- Athletic or tennis shoes
- Sneakers
- Boots

Examples of prohibited attire include, but are not limited to:

- Slippers, beach shoes, flip-flops, high heels, or roller shoes (Heeley's)
- Slide on shoes that do not cover the heel of the foot (i.e., mules, clogs, espadrilles)
- Open-toed shoes of any kind

To receive an exemption regarding footwear, the student must present a signed letter from a medical doctor.

Hosiery

Hosiery is limited to:

- Socks (including knee-highs)
- Tights or pantyhose
- Ankle-length footless tights
- Ankle-length leggings

Permitted colors:

- Solid white, black, navy blue, hunter green, khaki, or nude (tights or pantyhose only)

Tights, pantyhose, ankle-length footless tights, and ankle-length leggings must be worn with an approved bottom (i.e., longer than fingertip length short, skirt, skort, jumper, or dress).

Accessories, Apparel, and General Grooming

Accessories

- Belts are not required, but the belt ends are to be no longer than 6" and tucked in if worn. Belts must be leather or fabric.
- Hats and sunglasses may be worn outside only.
- Jewelry:
 - Piercings are only allowed in the ear.
 - Piercings are prohibited in the nose, face, or other body parts.
 - An object with a purpose other than jewelry cannot be worn (i.e., bicycle chains or pet collars).
- Animal accessories (i.e., animal ear headbands, animal gloves, animal tails) are not permitted.
- Backpacks or bags/purses of any sort are not permitted during the school day. Students must leave these items in their lockers from the start of school until the end of the day.

Apparel

- Outerwear (coats) used for warmth may not be used in the classroom.

Grooming

- Students must maintain the general appearance of natural hair color as described below.
 - Examples of natural hair colors: brown, auburn, black, copper, ginger, blond, white
 - Examples of non-approved colors: blue, green, pink, purple, 'Fire engine' red, and burgundy
- Students may accent their natural hair color in the following ways:
 - Beads
 - Tinsel
 - Highlights of any color
- Makeup must not make a student's face unrecognizable.
- Tattoos - No permanent tattoos are permitted on exposed skin.
- Body Markings - Drawing or writing on exposed skin is prohibited.

Notwithstanding anything in this dress code to the contrary, nothing herein shall be interpreted in such a manner as to constitute discrimination based on an individual's race, which shall mean nothing herein shall prohibit a person's hair texture, hair type, hair length, or a protective hairstyle that is commonly or historically associated with race. Specifically, without limitation, such hairstyles as braids, locs, twists, tight coils or curls, cornrows, Bantu knots, Afros, and headwraps are not prohibited.

Modified Dress Days

Modified Dress Days will be held on student picture days (no charge) and the last Friday of the month (\$1 to participate). The school administration will designate other Modified Dress Days as appropriate throughout the year. On these days, students can wear tops, bottoms, and hosiery without the required BECS logo, branding, and colors as defined below. All other dress code policy sections remain in effect (General standard; Footwear; Accessories, Apparel, and General Grooming).

Tops:

- short-sleeved or long-sleeved shirts, sweaters, or sweatshirts

Bottoms

- Any style or fabric
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be of modest length, no shorter than fingertip length when arms are resting straight down on the side of the student's body.

Hosiery

- Any color

Funds collected from Modified Dress Days benefit student activities and programs.

School-Sponsored Activities

Students are encouraged to be active participants in the school community.

School-sponsored activities include:

- Clubs
- Athletic events
- Spirit Weeks
- Themed Dress Days
- Dances
- Ceremonies
- Performances

When attending a school-sponsored event, students should adhere to the following guidelines:

Athletics, Clubs, Performances

Students should follow the Modified Dress Code.

Continuation & Graduation

Recognizing this achievement, students should dress in business casual to formal attire without exposing undergarments or areas considered private. Bottoms should be longer than fingertip length. Footwear should allow students to walk safely.

Dances

Students are encouraged to dress following the theme of the dance. Clothing should not expose undergarments or areas considered private. Bottoms should be longer than fingertip length. Footwear should allow students to participate safely.

Spirit Weeks and Themed Dress Days

Students should dress according to the theme days or arrive in the BECS Dress Code. Themed attire should adhere to the modified dress code guidelines.

Dress Code Enforcement

School staff shall consistently use the terms below to ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code. School administration and staff shall not vary the terms in ways that lead to discriminatory enforcement.

1. Students will only be removed from common areas, hallways, or classrooms due to a dress code violation. Students in violation of the dress code will be provided three (3) options to dress more to code during the school day:
 - a. Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to dress more to code for the remainder of the day.
 - b. Students will be provided with temporary school clothing to dress more to code for the remainder of the day.
 - c. If necessary, students' parents may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.
2. Dress code violations will be documented, and repeat offenses will be subject to additional disciplinary action.
3. Addressing student dress code violations shall be done in a manner that models respect and maintains the students' dignity. To the extent possible, dress code enforcement should occur discreetly and avoid requiring students to display their bodies in front of others (students, parents, or staff) in school.

Students who feel they have been subject to discriminatory dress code enforcement should contact their school Administration.