

Briarcrest Christian Elementary Dress Code Policy **from the 2025-2026 Elementary Parent Handbook**

At Briarcrest, it is our hope that our students will exemplify high standards, not only in schoolwork, but also in the areas of citizenship, leadership, and responsibility. It is the belief of the administration that the physical appearance of our students is an essential element in developing personal responsibility.

Please note the following:

- Uniforms are *required* for all students. The designated vendor for BCS is Flynn O'Hara. Uniforms are labeled with a BCS logo. (Old uniforms from Dennis Uniforms are permitted.)
- All students are *required* to wear the green knit uniform shirt for all school field trips. Exceptions must be cleared by the Principal.
- Any item of outerwear may be worn to school, but any such item entering the classroom must be from Flynn O'Hara, Dennis Uniforms, or the BCS Saint Shop.
- On Fridays, it is acceptable to wear an approved Briarcrest T-Shirt with uniform bottoms.
- The dress standards apply to school events, unless otherwise indicated by the administration.
- Shoes must be closed toe, closed heel, and flat. They must be black or brown leather, suede, or athletic shoes. Boots are not permitted. Saddle Oxfords and loafers are acceptable for boys or girls. Athletic shoes: All divisions will allow tennis shoes of any color. Students are not to wear shoes that light up or make sounds. All shoes should be properly worn, and shoes intended to have laces may not be worn without laces or untied. All shoes should be in good condition, clean, and free of writing. Appropriateness is always at the discretion of the administration.
- Tennis shoes may not promote any messaging contrary to the missions of BCS. (i.e. be free of political leanings, promotion of specific groups, etc.)
- Visible socks are required. Colors for socks must be solid white, tan, navy, black, forest green, or grey. Socks purchased from the Saint Shop are acceptable.

Specifics for Girls:

- Girls' shirts must fit in a modest manner. No oversized or tight-fitting shirts are acceptable.
- Skorts may be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.
- Skirts may be no higher than 2 inches above the knee.
- Tights/leggings may be worn under skirts, not as pants. They must be mid-calf or longer and must be white, navy blue, forest green, gray, or black. Flare pants, sweatpants, and/or joggers are not acceptable.
- Girls' earrings and piercings are limited to the ear. Extreme jewelry and accessories are not allowed and may be removed at the discretion of the administration.

- No extreme haircuts or color for girls are permitted. All decisions relative to the appropriateness of hair styles will be determined by the administration. Girls may not have tinsel, colored braids, or feathers in their hair. Headbands should lay flat or have just a simple bow. Extreme headbands or ones with ears, etc. are not allowed.

Specifics for Boys:

- Shirts for boys must be worn tucked-in, and belts must be worn (Grades 2-5).
- Boys' uniform pants and shorts may be purchased at Flynn O'Hara, The Gap, Land's End, Target, Walmart, or previously from Dennis. However, the pants or shorts must be **medium** khaki (not too light or too dark) or navy and can be flat-fronted or pleated. They should be all-cotton classic styles consistent with style and color purchased from Flynn O'Hara. No cargo pants, corduroy, or jeans-style pants are to be worn. No holes in pants or frayed hems are allowed.
- No earrings or body piercings are allowed. Extreme jewelry and accessories are not allowed and may be removed at the discretion of the administration.
- Boys' haircuts must be above the eyebrow, off the middle of ears, off the shirt collar and must not be excessively high on top. No Mohawks or other extreme haircuts or hair colors are permitted. Shaved lines, carvings or artwork cut into hair or eyebrows are not allowed. All decisions relative to the appropriateness of hair styles will be determined by the administration.

Outer Wear Policy:

Sweatshirts/Jackets Worn Inside: Monday – Thursday

- Elementary students will be allowed to wear Briarcrest outerwear (purchased from the Saint Shop, Flynn O'Hara, or team sports stores) in the following colors: *Green, Gray, Navy, Black, White*. Elementary students will also be allowed to wear BCS hoodies in the approved colors above since they still participate in recess outdoors.

Sweatshirts/Jackets Worn Inside: Friday

- All BCS students may wear Briarcrest outerwear or BCS hoodies of any color.

Heavy Coats and Cold Weather Gear for Outdoors

- Non-BCS heavy coats, gloves, and hats are allowed during the cold months for recess. They are not allowed in the classrooms but will be stored in lockers and cubbies.