

Bosco Tech Grooming & Dress Code

I. Purpose

- A. Adherence to a dress code is an important aspect of a high school student's social and educational development. The goals of this policy include:
 - Promoting appropriate attire and grooming for various settings
 - Encouraging respect for self, others, and the school community
 - Creating a unified student identity
 - Avoiding association with disruptive or unsafe influences
 - Preparing students for professional environments
 - Supporting campus safety and positive identification
- B. Students must adhere to the dress code during school hours, unless otherwise directed; parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring compliance. Dean of Students and administration will be the final judges of what constitutes appropriate dress. Students in violation of the dress code will face disciplinary action, including confiscation of items, detention, or being sent home.

II. Grooming Standards

- A. General Grooming
 - Students must maintain a clean and presentable appearance
 - Tattoos and brandings may not be visible
 - Grooming violations may result in removal from class until corrected
- B. Hair
 - Must be clean, neat, and naturally colored
 - Must not obstruct vision (hair remains at or above eyebrow line)
 - Extreme, faddish (mohawks, shaved lines, etc.), dyed or two-toned styles are not permitted
- C. Male-Specific
 - Sideburns must be moderate in length
 - No makeup or piercings of any kind
- D. Female-Specific
 - Moderate cosmetics permitted
 - Finger nails must be kept to a moderate length
 - Earrings allowed (one per ear, no longer than two inches from point of insertion)
 - No facial piercings (nose rings, mouth piercings, etc.)

III. Dress Code

- A. General Expectations
 - All clothing must be clean, neat, properly fitted, and in good condition
 - Clothing may not be excessively tight, baggy, or altered
 - Clothing must not display inappropriate content (violence, drugs, sexism, etc.)
- B. Regular School Dress Code
 - Shirts:
 - a) School-approved polo shirt with logo.
 - b) Undershirts (or turtlenecks) must be solid black, white, or gray and free of writing
 - c) Female-Specific: Proper undergarments must be worn in solid, neutral colors

- **Pants/Shorts:**
 - a) Black or khaki uniform-style pants or shorts
 - b) Must fit properly (not baggy, sagging, or form-fitting) and be worn at the waist-level
 - c) No denim material or cargo style pockets
 - d) Female-Specific: Girls may wear uniform-company skorts (may not be rolled or altered, and must be no more than 3 inches above the knee)
 - **Belts (all shorts and pants/slacks with loops must be worn with a belt):**
 - a) Solid color; no spikes, studs, or oversized buckles
 - **Outerwear:**
 - a) V-neck pullovers, crew-neck pullovers, and cardigans are acceptable. All such sweaters must be worn with a uniform shirt underneath and display the Bosco Tech logo. Approved uniform sweater colors are black, white and gray.
 - b) DBTI or university-branded sweaters/jackets are allowed.
 - c) When weather conditions call for additional outerwear while outdoors, students may wear non-Bosco coats/jackets over their Bosco Tech apparel (no large branding).
 - **Shoes:**
 - a) Athletic shoes (two colors maximum) or solid-colored dress shoes (no high heels)
 - b) Solid black, white, or gray socks (aside from a single brand logo sewn-in) must be worn at all times
 - c) Must be in good condition, free of graffiti, and laced with solid black or white laces
 - d) No sandals, CrocsTM, slippers, or similar casual footwear
 - **Accessories:**
 - a) Backpacks and handbags must be clean, neat, and free of graffiti, patches, and pins. No outlandish colors or profane words, symbols, or logos.
 - b) Only baseball caps and beanies with a Bosco Tech or university logo are allowed on campus. Hat bills must face forward, and headwear is never worn inside buildings
- C. **Formal Dress Code (Required on designated days, e.g., liturgies, open house, other formal events)**
- Button-down dress shirt (tucked-in)
 - Necktie, bowtie, or similar required
 - Black or khaki dress pants (or skorts for girls)...no shorts allowed
 - Belt or suspenders
 - Solid black or brown dress shoes, or solid black tennis shoes (must be all black, including the sole); must be worn with socks.

IV. Items Never Allowed on Campus

- Unless specific permission is given for a special dress day; No pajamas, sweatpants, tank tops, overalls, bandanas, chains, body-piercing paraphernalia (except compliant earrings for girls), military fatigues, weapon-like items, permanent ink markers, chewing gum, drugs (including prescriptions not cleared by the Health Office), alcohol, tobacco, or vaping products, or any other item deemed unsafe or inappropriate. The Dean of Students and administration will be the final judges of what constitutes unsafe or inappropriate items.