BECS Dress Code

Bromley East Charter School believes a dress code promotes learning, reduces distractions, and fosters school pride. Enrollment constitutes acceptance of this policy and acknowledgment that violations may result in parent contact and disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Discipline Policy.

Apparel should be purchased from uniform sections of major retailers or from our approved vendors. Items purchased elsewhere must match uniform-style apparel and have no added embellishments.

Administration reserves discretion in interpreting dress code rules. Exceptions for medical or religious reasons require Executive Director approval. School-sponsored events may have additional dress guidelines.

General Standards

Student clothing should follow the following standards:

- All articles of clothing should fit properly and cover all areas considered private.
- Undergarments should not be exposed or visible at any time or worn as outer garments.
- Hoods, hats, and coats 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.

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 include bandanas in gang colors, logos, symbols, or affiliated colors)
- Apparel that interferes with or endangers oneself or others (e.g., chains that are not permanently affixed to the clothing)

Modified Dress Days

Modified Dress Days will be held on student picture days (no charge), on the last Friday of the month ($1 to participate), or on other Modified Dress Days as designated by the administration throughout the year. On these days, students may wear clothing without the required BECS logo, branding, or colors as defined below. All other dress code policy sections remain in effect.

Tops	Bottoms
Colors: Solid • Hunter Green • Navy Blue • Black • White	**Colors:** Solid • Tan / Khaki • Navy Blue • Black
Style: • Crew neck or button-/zip-down	**Style:** • Dress pants, chinos, khakis • Cargo pants or shorts • Fitted pants/leggings • Solid-colored khaki or black jeans • Skirts, jumpers, or dresses ○ Must be at least fingertip length

Logo: Affixed on left chest
• Patches (purchased in office)
• Embroidered
  ○ **Recommended Vendors:**
  ■ Elite Uniform (local)
  ■ Shaheen's (French Toast Partner)
• Fan Shop Spirit Wear
  ○ Does not need to be on left chest
	Logo: N/A

Examples of Items Not Allowed: • V-neck, scoop neck, or other wide/deep necklines • Sleeveless shirts or dresses, such as tank tops, spaghetti-strap tops, halter tops, and strapless styles	**Examples of Items Not Allowed:** • Blue jeans • Athletic shorts or pants such as sweatpants (including cargo-style), track pants, etc.

Footwear, Accessories, and Hair

- **Footwear:** Must be closed-toe, covering the entire foot, and non-skid
  - Ex: Athletic shoes, sneakers, boots, Crocs w/ heel latch (except during PE)
- **Accessories:**
  - Hats and sunglasses may be worn outside only
  - Jewelry - Objects with a purpose other than jewelry are not permitted
    - Ex: bicycle chains or pet collars
  - Animal accessories are not permitted

        - Ex: animal ear headbands, animal gloves, animal tail
    - Makeup must not make a student's face unrecognizable
- **Hair:**
    - Students must maintain the general appearance of natural hair color
        - Ex: brown, auburn, black, copper, ginger, or blonde
    - Students **may** accentuate their natural hair color in the following ways:
        - Beads
        - Tinsel
        - Highlights of any color

Nothing herein shall be interpreted in such a manner as to constitute discrimination based on an individual's race, which shall mean that nothing herein shall prohibit a person's hair texture, hair type, hair length, or a 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.

Examples of Items Not Allowed:

- **Shoes:**
    - Slippers, sandals, flip-flops, high heels, or roller shoes (ex, Heeley's)
    - Slide-on shoes that do not cover the heel of the foot (ex, mules, clogs)
    - Open-toed shoes of any kind
- **Hair Colors:**
    - Blue, green, pink, purple, "fire engine" red, burgundy

Dress Code Violations

- **1st Offense:** Student is traded for an appropriate item until the end of the day or asked to remove the item (accessories)
- **Repeated Offenses:**
    - Parent is contacted
    - Student is traded for an appropriate item until the end of the day
- **Habitual Offenses:**
    - Parent is contacted
    - Student is traded for an appropriate item until the end of the day
    - Consequence and/or intervention

Visual Examples of Approved Clothing

Tops		
		
Polo Shirt	**Crew Neck T-Shirt**	**Button-Up Shirt**
		
Sweater	**Cardigan**	**Sweatshirt**

Bottoms		
		
Dress Pants	**Khakis**	**Chinos**
		
Cargo Pants / Shorts	**Cargo Pants / Shorts**	**Cargo Pants / Shorts**
		
Jeggings	**Jeans**	**Jeans**
		
Flared Leggings	**Treggings**	**Leggings**