- For an early dismissal, Bishop Verot High School must receive notification by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the early dismissal through the Student Attendance Reporting Portal. In addition, a parent or guardian must call the Attendance Office to request the student's early dismissal. Students are required to sign out through the Attendance Office. When picking up a student early, parents/guardians must physically sign the student out in the Attendance Office at the time of dismissal.
- For an Early Dismissal, BVHS must receive notification by 9:00 a.m. the day of the early dismissal through the **Student Attendance Reporting** portal. Students are required to sign-out with the attendance office. When picking up a student early, parents/guardians must physically sign them out with the attendance office at the time of dismissal.
- Students arriving at school following an appointment check in at the attendance office, sign in, and present valid documentation from the appointment facility (doctor's note, etc.)

IMPORTANT: For medical or legal appointments, documentation must be provided by a third-party (e.g., doctor, clinic, court) **parental notes are not accepted**. The documentation must include:

  - The student's full name
  - The reason for the absence, tardy, or early dismissal
  - The specific dates of the absence(s), if applicable
  - A doctor's note is **required** if the student is absent for more than **three days** due to medical reasons
  - All documentation must be submitted by **9:00 a.m.** on the day the student returns to school or at the time of arrival following the appointment

7.6.7 **Absence/Tardy/Early Dismissal Guidelines**

To be excused for medical, dental, or legal appointments:

- Prior to the start of the school day, notification must be submitted through the **Student Attendance Reporting Portal** by the parent/guardian for a student who will be absent, tardy, or dismissed early. Notification must include:
  - The reason for the absence, tardy, or early dismissal.
  - All dates covered by the absence, as applicable.
  - A parent/guardian verification phone number.
- **For all early dismissals, a parent or guardian must also call the Attendance Office to request the student's release. Notification through the Student Attendance Reporting Portal alone is not sufficient.**
- Emails requesting early dismissal will not be accepted.
- At times, it may be necessary for the school to contact a parent/guardian to verify the information provided.
- During the school day, students must sign in and sign out through the Attendance Office.
- Documentation should be submitted to the Attendance Office upon the student's return to school.
- The school reserves the right to deny an early dismissal if the required notification or documentation has not been provided.

7.6.8 **Special Schedule and Mass Days**

- Students are notified in advance of special bell schedules and are expected to report to school on time.
- Early dismissals on special schedule days or Mass days may be approved by the Dean of Students only for verifiable medical or legal appointments. Proper documentation must be provided when applicable. All regular Early Dismissal procedures outlined in Section 7.6.7 must be followed.
- Students who are dismissed early on a special schedule day or Mass day and miss a required school activity (e.g., Mass, an assembly, guest speaker, retreat activity, or other scheduled school-wide event) will be counted absent for that activity, and the absence will count toward the Attendance Probation scale unless otherwise approved by the administration.

7.6.9 **Attendance Probation.** Attendance Probation is a preventative measure designed to address excessive tardies, early dismissals, absences, or a combination of attendance concerns before they impact academic progress or result in administrative failure. The purpose of Attendance Probation is to hold students accountable for attendance expectations, academic responsibilities, deadlines, and fully embracing the culture and expectations of Bishop Verot Catholic High School. Placement on Attendance Probation is at the sole discretion of the administration in consultation with the Student Services Department. An in-person meeting with the student and parent or legal guardian is required when a student is placed on Attendance Probation. The terms, conditions, and timeline of Attendance Probation are determined on a case-by-case basis and may include attendance monitoring, meetings with the Student Services Department, required attendance in the Learning Commons or other designated areas, and/or restrictions on extracurricular privileges.

7.7 Dress Code

Student attire should reflect Christian modesty, humility, and respect for self and others at all times, reflecting positively on the Bishop Verot community. The administration will set parameters for dress code on special occasions. Final determination in all questions regarding the Dress Code will be made by the Dean of Students.

7.7.1 **Daily Dress Code**. Unless otherwise permitted by explicit announcement from the administration, the following is expected of all students during school hours. If a student is out of dress code during school hours for any reason, the student will be issued either a Level 1 or Level 2 violation depending on the offense.

A. General Expectations

- Official Bishop Verot shirts with the "BV" emblem or the new "VEROT" logo must be worn during the school day unless permission has otherwise been granted. Non-uniform Bishop Verot apparel (e.g., team shirts, NHS polos, team jerseys, etc.) may not be worn unless specific permission has been granted by the administration. Students are required to follow the dress code based on their biological sex at birth. All requests for team or club dress days must be made by the coach or moderator in advance. Renegades Sportswear is the authorized supplier of official Bishop Verot shirts and maintains a selection of approved colors and styles. Any shirt purchased from another supplier that does not meet the approved colors, styles, or logo requirements is not permitted. Renegades Sportswear is located at 17051 Jean Street, Unit 10, Fort Myers, Florida (239-275-6720; www.renegadesfl.com). The approved shirt colors for the 2026–2027 school year are black, white, and gold. Shirts of any other color, even if previously approved, are not permitted.
- Approved Bishop Verot sweatshirts and jackets (including those issued through Bishop Verot teams or clubs) may be worn during cold weather, provided an official Bishop Verot polo is worn underneath. No other outerwear or blankets are permitted. Unauthorized outerwear or blankets will be confiscated, and the student will receive a detention.
- No extremely tight-fitting or otherwise immodest clothing is permitted for either boys or girls. Students who violate this policy may be sent home in addition to receiving disciplinary consequences.
- Hair must be clean, neat, and well groomed. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Hair must be a natural color; unnatural hair colors (including, but not limited to, pink, purple, blue, green, or similar colors) are prohibited. Bandanas and kerchiefs may not be worn on campus.
- Hats and hoods may not be worn or carried during the school day. Violation of this policy will result in confiscation of the item and disciplinary consequences.
- Clothing that is ripped, torn, or frayed in any manner is not permitted.
- With the exception of earrings worn by girls, body-piercing jewelry is not permitted. Nose rings are prohibited. Covering earrings with bandages or tape, or using fishing line, retainers, or other devices to maintain piercing holes, is not permitted.
- Tattoos may not be visible before, during, or after school or at any school-sponsored event. Students with tattoos may not wear compression sleeves, arm sleeves, or similar coverings to conceal tattoos. Instead, tattoos must be covered by wearing an approved long-sleeve Bishop Verot polo.
- Bishop Verot-issued PE uniforms must be worn at all times during physical education classes.

B. Dress Code for Young Men

- Shirts: School approved shirts will be the only acceptable shirts. Shirts must be tucked in. (If BV outerwear is worn, students must wear a BV polo underneath).
- Shorts are not permitted.
- Pants: Khaki colored dress pants are the only acceptable bottoms. Up to four pockets are acceptable. Pants must fit properly. Excessively baggy pants, tight fitting pants, pants with drawstring waists, cargo pants, corduroys, jeans or jeans-like material, and pants with zippered pockets are NOT acceptable. Belt loops and a belt are required for all pants.
- Shoes: Dress shoes, leather deck shoes, leather loafers, or athletic shoes are acceptable and must be tied. Sandals, boots, Crocs, moccasins or slippers of any kind are not acceptable.
- Lanyards: Students must wear their community lanyards with Student ID around their necks at all times during the school day. Photo must be visible and not obstructed by stickers, markings, etc.
- Socks: If socks are worn, they must not be extreme in nature or distracting to the learning environment.
- Piercings: Young men are not permitted to wear piercings of any kind during the school day. Covering piercings with band-aids or tape or using fishing line or other plugs to maintain holes is not acceptable.
- Makeup and Nail Polish: Young men are not permitted to wear any makeup or nail polish of any kind during the school day, co-curricular, or athletic events.
- Hair should not touch the student's eyebrows or shirt collar or cover the student's ears. Bangs cannot be longer than eyebrow level. Hairstyles that are "bushy" or that entail significant contrasts of longer and short hair are not acceptable. Ornamental hairstyles such as mohawks, mullets, shaved engraving/lines/messaging, etc. are not permitted. Boys are not to wear ponytails or headbands, etc.
- Shaving: Young men are to be clean-shaven each day. Sideburns should not extend lower than the earlobe or extend toward the cheek.

C. Dress Code for Young Women

- Shirts: School approved polo shirts will be the only acceptable shirts. Shirts must be tucked in. Polo shirts must be worn every day. (If BV outerwear is worn, students must wear a BV polo underneath).
- Pants: Khaki colored pants/Capris are the only acceptable bottoms. Stretch pants, drawstring pants, jeans, jeans-like material, cargo pants, corduroys, excessively tight pants, and pants made of spandex are not acceptable. A belt is required for all pants with belt loops.
- Skirts are not permitted.
- Shorts are not permitted.

- Shoes: Leather flats, leather loafers, leather deck shoes and athletic shoes are acceptable and must be tied. All shoes must have closed toes and a closed back. Sandals, boots, Crocs, moccasins or slippers of any kind are not acceptable.
- Lanyards: Students must wear their community lanyards with Student ID around their necks at all times during the school day. Photo must be visible and not obstructed by stickers, markings, etc.
- Socks: If socks are worn, they must not be extreme in nature or distracting to the learning environment.
- Short Shorts are not permitted at any time for school events or functions either on or off campus.
- Makeup for young women should not be extreme in nature, at the discretion of Administration.

E. Exceptions. Students requesting a temporary or permanent exception to the dress code due to a documented medical condition must provide a physician's note specifying the medical necessity for the requested accommodation and the anticipated duration of the accommodation, including the expected start and end dates, if applicable. All requests for dress code accommodation must be reviewed and approved in advance by the Dean of Students' Office. No medical accommodation, whether temporary or permanent, is valid until such approval has been granted. The Dean of Students' Office reserves the right to determine, approve, and modify any dress code accommodation in a manner that best aligns with the Bishop Verot dress code while reasonably addressing the student's documented medical needs. The school may require updated medical documentation to evaluate, extend, modify, or continue any approved accommodation.

7.7.2 **Clothing and Other Items Not Appropriate for School-Sponsored Events & Activities, Including Approved Dress-Out Days.** Students are expected to dress in a manner that reflects the values of Bishop Verot High School and demonstrates respect for themselves, others, and the school community. Attire worn at school-sponsored events and activities should be neat, appropriate for the occasion, and consistent with standards of modesty and good judgment.

Clothing or items that are inappropriate, distracting, offensive, or inconsistent with the mission and values of Bishop Verot will not be permitted. The Administration reserves the right to determine whether attire meets school expectations and may require students to adjust as necessary.

7.7.3 **Spirit Fridays.** Students may participate in Friday Spirit Days as an opportunity to show school pride. Students may wear approved Bishop Verot spirit shirts that have not been altered or modified. Spirit Day attire must remain consistent with the expectations of the school dress code, and appropriate school bottoms are required.

7.7.4 **Jeans Days** may be offered as a special privilege or fundraiser approved by the Administration. Jeans Days must be officially announced and should not be assumed without notification. On approved Jeans Days, students may wear jeans in place of uniform pants. Jeans and other clothing choices must remain neat, appropriate, and consistent with Bishop Verot's dress expectations. All other dress code standards remain in effect unless otherwise communicated.

7.7.5 **Dress-Out Days** may be announced for special occasions, granted as a privilege, or offered as fundraising opportunities with administrative approval. Expectations for each Dress-Out Day will be communicated in advance. Students are expected to make appropriate choices that reflect the values and standards of the Bishop Verot community.

7.7.6 **On Campus Before and After School Hours.** Students are expected to always maintain appropriate and respectful attire while on campus, including before and after school hours, in parking areas, athletic facilities, and areas shared with St. Cecilia Church. Clothing or attire that does not align with Bishop Verot's standards may result in appropriate action by the Administration.

7.7.7 **Dress Expectations at School-Sponsored Events and Activities.** Students represent Bishop Verot High School at all school-sponsored events, both on and off campus. Students are expected to dress in a neat, clean, and appropriate manner that reflects the values of the school community.

The Administration reserves the right to make the final determination regarding appropriate dress. Students who do not meet established expectations may be asked to adjust or may be subject to appropriate consequences.

7.8 Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policies

In accordance with diocesan school policy, Bishop Verot has implemented a comprehensive drug, alcohol, nicotine, tobacco, and random drug testing policy. All students are subject to random drug testing and may be tested on campus or at any school-sponsored or school-sanctioned activity or event. Student use or possession of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, mood-altering substances, drug-related paraphernalia, prescription or non-prescription drugs not registered with the School Nurse, tobacco, nicotine products, or any other controlled substance defined herein, including e-cigarettes and nicotine pouches, is prohibited. The following policies are designed to maintain a drug- and alcohol-free environment, promote student health and well-being, and address students at risk.

7.8.1 **Pastoral Responsibility to Students and Parents.** Because the well-being of the student is of primary concern, suspicion of drug and/or alcohol abuse will be addressed with parents in order to assist the student in the recognition and treatment of harmful and potentially addictive behavior. It is the policy of the Diocese of Venice and Bishop Verot to assist students suffering from substance abuse when possible. Upon reasonable suspicion of student drug use, the school may take the following measures: