



BCS DRESS GUIDELINES

{2020-2021 School Year}

At all times on campus or during school-sponsored activities, Bethesda students' clothing should fit properly, and their overall appearance should be neat, modest, and non-offensive. Students should conform to the following dress code during school hours:

GIRLS

PANTS AND SKIRTS: Female students may wear pants or skirts. Any skirts or short pants should have hemlines no higher than two inches above the knee. Pants should fit properly (not too baggy or too tight) and should be in good condition (not torn or frayed). Jeans are allowed. Sweat pants or athletic pants are only permitted in pre-school. Leggings are only permitted when worn under appropriate skirts.

SHIRTS: Female students should wear either a shirt with a fold-down collar (properly buttoned) or a nice, collarless blouse. Shirts should not have pictures, words, or messages other than a discreet logo. Sleeveless shirts may be worn, provided that the shoulder blade is covered. Sheer, tight-fitting, or low-cut clothing is not permitted. No midriff skin should be visible, even when arms are raised. (Tucked-in, "tank top" undershirts or camisoles should be worn, if necessary, to ensure this.) T-shirts, jerseys, and collarless sweatshirts are not permitted, except for Bethesda spiritwear on Fridays.

DRESSES: Dresses are allowed, provided that they comply with the rest of the dress code and are not too short, too tight, low-cut, etc.

BOYS

PANTS: Male students may wear long or short pants. Shorts should have hemlines no higher than two inches above the knee. Pants should fit properly (not too baggy or too tight) and should be in good condition (not torn or frayed). Jeans are allowed. Sweat pants or athletic pants are only permitted in preschool.

SHIRTS: Shirts with fold-down collars and sleeves should be worn, properly buttoned. Shirts should not have pictures, words, or messages other than a discreet logo. T-shirts, jerseys, and collarless sweatshirts are not permitted, except for Bethesda spiritwear on Fridays.

ALL STUDENTS

- **Outerwear** such as sweaters, fleeces, and jackets may be worn, provided that a dress-code appropriate shirt is worn underneath – and provided that they do not have pictures, words, or messages other than a discreet logo. Hooded sweatshirts are also acceptable, provided that they bear the name or logo of Bethesda, a university, or a branch of the US military.
- **Shoes** must be worn on campus. Elementary students should not wear sandals without heel straps. Clean athletic shoes must be worn for PE.
- For elementary students, **socks** are required in order to play in the indoor sports areas on days when it is too cold or wet to play outside. Students should keep an extra pair of socks in their desk or locker for this purpose.
- **Hats** and **hoods** may be worn outside the school building (provided they do not have inappropriate logos, etc.), but they may not be worn inside.
- Avoid any extreme **jewelry**.
- No **undergarments** should be visible.
- **Hairstyles** must be of a natural color and not extreme. Any **facial hair** should be kept neatly trimmed.