

E-V. STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE

PHILOSOPHY: The Bible teaches a clear distinction between male and female. We expect the girls to act like ladies and to be *feminine* in appearance. We expect the boys to act as gentlemen and to be *masculine* in appearance. We also believe the Bible teaches *modesty* in our appearance. In all areas of dress, neatness, modesty, and appropriateness are expected. Our appearance is to always glorify Christ (I Corinthians 10:31, I Timothy 2:9, Deuteronomy 22:5), and we do this by setting good examples. Learning is the “job” of students. Research demonstrates that students pay closer attention, concentrate better, and learn more quickly when properly attired.

OBJECTIVE: Create, within the BGBS community, an environment that enables students to have respect for themselves and to gain the respect and confidence of others through their outward appearance.

All students are to be in dress code when they arrive at school in the morning, and will remain in dress code until they have left campus at the end of the school day. Exceptions to this require pre-approval from the principal/administrator. Parents are responsible for sending their children to school correctly dressed and groomed. Determination of dress code violations will be the responsibility of teachers and administration. Please see **Dress Code Enforcement** section.

The standardized dress code is not intended to measure spirituality. Instead, the goal is to foster a Christ-centered, academic environment supporting the mission of the school. Furthermore, the dress code is a tool used in education to better develop strong Christian character.

Changing fashions may reflect trends that are inconsistent with Blue Grass Baptist School’s objective. The standardized dress code is designed to help students comply with the school’s requirement, allowing students to demonstrate modesty and good taste in dress and grooming at all times.

The BGBS Standardized Dress Code (SDC) for First through Twelfth Grades *(Applies to both boys and girls unless otherwise stated)*

1. Tops and Shirts Must Be the Following:

- polo-style pullover, traditional cut.
- oxford style dress shirts (button down or straight collar)
- turtle neck shirt or mock turtle neck shirts
- a) **Grades 1-6:** shirts and tops can be any solid color (no plaid or paisley shirts/tops).
- b) **Grades 1-6:** may wear BGBS shirts and BGBS “spirit wear” shirts any day of the week.
- b) **Grades 7-12:** shirts and tops can be any solid color or striped (no plaid or paisley shirts/tops)
- c) Shirts must be tucked in for both girls and boys with the belt clearly visible. The shirt must remain tucked in when student’s arms are raised to shoulder height. High school ladies wearing dress button-down blouses designed to be left un-tucked may be un-tucked with dress code skirt or pants.
- d) No bare shoulders, mid-sections, or back area should be revealed at any time. Tops and shirts must not be tight or form fitting. No “shrunkened polos” at anytime during the school year. **Shirts must be loose-fitting.**
- e) All shirts must have traditional length sleeves -either long-sleeve or no shorter than the middle of the student’s bicep. **No cap sleeves or butterfly sleeves.**
- f) No more than two buttons may be left unbuttoned on any shirt.
- g) Undershirt/t-shirt sleeves must not be seen below the sleeve of the polo shirt. Further, only solid colored shirts may be worn under polo or dress shirts with no writing or logos.

2. Pants and Slacks: Must be Chino, Docker, or Twill uniform style.

- a) Color: Must be khaki, navy, black, brown, or dark gray.
- b) Fabric: Must be similar to the Land’s End cotton-twill uniform
- d) Pants and slacks must have belt loops and be worn with a belt at the waist (girls and boys); **pants and**

- slacks must be loose fitting.** They must be able to “pinch” at least one inch of material at the thigh/leg. They must be of correct size, so that the seat does not droop and the cuffs are not bunched at the ankles or drag the ground. Fronts may be pleated or flat.
- e) No flared legs or cropped hems. No slits or tears in pants.
 - f) Waist lines may not be Hipster or Low cut (**NO LOW RIDER PANTS**).
 - g) Pants must be worn at the natural waistline, above the hips, not at or below the hips.
 - h) No rivets or metal studs on seams or pockets.
- 3. Girls’ Skirts, Skorts, and Jumpers:**
- a) Color: Must be khaki, navy, brown, dark gray, or black.
 - b) Fabric: Must be similar to the Land’s End or French Toast cotton-twill uniform
 - 1. No denim.
 - 2. No spandex or stretch/nylon material
 - c) Hems **must be no shorter than mid-knee.**
 - d) Slits must not be higher than the top of the knee.
 - e) When belt loops are present, a belt must be worn.
 - f) Polo shirt styled dresses may be worn as long as the length and hem meets dress code standard.
 - g) **Skirts must be worn at the natural waistline, above the hips, not at or below the hips.**
 - h) Skorts and Capri style pants may be worn for grades 1-6. **Skorts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.**
 - i) No rivets or metal studs on seams or pockets.
- 4. Boys’ and Girls’ Shorts (Grades 1-6 only):**
- a) Allowed during the months of August, September, April, and May.
 - b) Must be khaki, brown, dark gray, navy, or black. Fabric and style must be **VERY** similar to Land’s End style uniforms. Also, the shorts must be loose fitting and not tight. The length of the shorts must come to the top of the student’s knee.
- 5. Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Vests, Coats, Hats**
- a) Solid colored sweaters, cotton drifters, cardigans, pullover sweatshirts, or fleece vests may be worn as long as a polo or button-down shirt is worn underneath. Polo shirts and undershirts must be tucked in at all times. Dress blouses/button-down shirts designed to be left un-tucked, may not be worn.
 - b) Hooded sweatshirts may not be worn; this includes hooded, sweatshirt jackets. (Except on school “hoodie” days that are used as fundraisers.)
 - c) Heavy coats/jackets/outerwear may not be worn in the classroom. These must be stored in the student’s locker. Only BGBS letterman jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleece vests (solid colored) may be (light jackets may be worn to class; no hoods) worn in the classroom. Jackets must be solid colored and not prints or patterns. Logo must be smaller than a credit card.
 - d) Hats, hoods, bandannas, scarves, sweatbands, sunglasses, or other items worn as head coverings may not be worn in the school building.
- 6. Footwear:**
- a) All grades must wear school appropriate shoes defined as:
 - * No novelty shoes or novelty sandals.
 - *No rubber, thong flip flops (i.e. Old Navy style flip flops).
 - *Shoes should not have logos such as peace signs, skulls, etc.
 - *Dress sandals, flat shoes, and dress shoes are appropriate for girls.
 - b) Socks (hose are optional for girls) are required with all shoes. Ladies are not required to wear socks or hose with dress shoes/flats. “Stirrup pants” and “leggings” may be worn under appropriate length skirts.
 - c) “Stirrup pants” and “leggings” must be solid colored, no stripes or patterns (7-12 only), and may only be worn under skirts or dresses of appropriate length.
 - d) For grades 1-6, shoes may not have a heel or sole higher than one (1) inch. Students should wear athletic shoes on P.E. days.
 - e) For grades 7-12, heels or soles may be no higher than two (2) inches. Shoes should be comfortable

and appropriate for navigating a crowded hallway and stairs.

7. **Physical Education**

- a) Elementary students (grades K-6) wear regular school clothes to P.E. classes. Girls may wear skirts or put on shorts or slacks under their dresses/skirts.
- b) Grades 7-12 will wear approved shorts and t-shirts that are required by the administration. Solid color t-shirts (no white t-shirts), loose-fitting knee-length shorts (no white/light colored shorts), and tennis shoes must be worn to P.E.
- c) Students are not permitted to re-enter the main school building wearing P.E. uniform shorts except with specific permission from the teacher on duty.
- d) During sports events, participating students must wear proper shoes, regulation uniforms or shorts, shirts, and socks. All KCAA league rules must be adhered to during athletic events.

Other Appearance Guidelines for First through Twelfth Grades

1. No sunglasses may be worn in the school building.
2. All non-school sponsored **logos/emblems** on clothing should be no larger than a credit card.
3. **Jewelry or accessories** that indicate drug culture or other symbols that are contrary to Christian moral and ethical standards are not acceptable. Example: Ying/Yang, zodiac, swastikas, skull and bones, peace symbols, etc. Jewelry and makeup that is "Goth" or that is studded, i.e., dog collars or wrist bracelets are not permitted. Belts that are metal studded are not permitted.
4. **Earrings/pierced jewelry** are only allowed in the ears of girls and are limited to two holes per ear. No pierced jewelry or earrings permitted for boys.
5. No visible **tattoos**, permanent or otherwise, are acceptable (Leviticus 19:28). If student has a permanent tattoo, it must be covered at all times while at school, including athletic events.
6. All school attire must be free of **suggestive words or pictures**, offensive advertisements, holes, and frayed designs. Anything contrary to Christian, moral, or ethical standards is not acceptable.
7. Hairstyles for boys: A young man's hair must be cut so that it comes to the top of the eyebrow and must not fall below mid-ear or below the collar of the boy's shirt.
8. No combs, rakes/picks, rollers, etc., are to be worn in student's hair.
9. Extreme hairstyles, hair colors, jewelry, makeup, and clothing are to be avoided. Fads, trends, or innovative fashions are inappropriate for a school setting.
10. **Backpacks/book bags may not be carried from class to class**; they should be unloaded in the morning and left in the student's locker before going to class.
11. No **cosmetic** or **personal hygiene** items should be taken out and used during classes, lunch, or any other time except restroom breaks.

Special Days Dress Code Guidelines

Chapel Dress for Grades 7-12: Regular dress code guidelines in effect; in addition:

- Boys are required to wear:
 1. A solid colored oxford dress shirt.
 2. Tie of any color, but no theme ties (i.e., cartoon)
- Girls are required to wear:
 1. A solid colored dress oxford blouse; the blouse does not have to be tucked in as long as it is remains over the waistline when arms are raised. When wearing white blouses, white undershirts **ONLY** may be worn.

Ladies have the choice to wear either:

1. Skirts/jumpers must be mid-calf or longer. Only center back slits allowed; must not be higher than the back of the knee. (Skirts/hem lines must be the same length all around)
2. Girls dress slacks must be modest in cut and fit. Pants may not be regular dress code pant style or material. Pants must be solid colored or thin pin-striped. No plaid, checks, or patterns.
3. Girls also have the *option* to wear an open toe/heel *dress* shoe or sandal (*no flip flops or shower*

shoes of any kind) for chapel. Hose/socks are not required.

- **Definition of flip flops:** A backless, often foam rubber or plastic sandal, held to foot at big toe by means of a thong or strap. (Similar to “Old Navy” style flipflops.)
- Sweatshirts of any type **may not** be worn to chapel.
- Solid colored sweaters may be worn. Ladies’ shirts are required to be tucked in under sweaters.

Dress Down Days:

- Denim jeans, skirts, or jumpers. Skirts and jumpers must reach mid-knee. Must be in good repair. Belt must be worn.
- Same fit and length requirements as for regular class days.
- No skinny jeans, overalls, Capri’s, or painter jeans.
- Choice of: Christian T-shirts, Patriotic Shirts, Collegiate Shirts (UK, EKU, WKU, UNION, Etc.), or any BGBS shirts.
- Students may leave shirts un-tucked on dress down days as long as they are long enough to cover the waist of the pants or skirt when arms are raised.
- Students will be asked to change clothes if dress code is violated. Multiple violations will result in loss of dress down privileges.

Christian T-shirt Day: Same dress code as regular class days except for the following:

- Christian t-shirts may be worn on Wednesday. T-shirts must be tucked in.
- Christian t-shirts must have a Christian theme or message.
- Must be same fit as uniform shirts.

Dress Code for Seniors and Juniors at Graduation:

- **Ladies**-conservative solid white (no see-thru) or solid black dress or skirt and white blouse that meets school standards of modesty, cut, fit, and length. Black dress shoes, no boots. Girls are not to wear low-cut dresses or blouses, backless dresses, or halter tops to any event.
- **Gentlemen**-Black dress slacks, white dress oxford shirt, black belt, red tie. A dress blazer or sport’s coat is optional at the reception for both juniors and seniors. Black dress shoes, no boots.
- Male or female violations of the above dress code will result in the student not participating in the ceremony and asked to leave the event. No exceptions.
- The ceremony will not be delayed for a change of clothing.

Dress Code for Junior Ring Dinner:

- **Ladies**-conservative dress or skirt and blouse that meets school standards of modesty, cut, fit, and length. Dress shoes, no boots. Girls **are not** to wear low-cut dresses or blouses, backless dresses, or halter tops to any event.
- **Gentlemen**-Dress slacks, dress shirt, belt, tie. A dress blazer or sport’s coat is optional. Dress shoes, no boots.
- Male or female violations of the above dress code will result in the student not participating in the dinner and asked to leave the event. No exceptions.
- The dinner will not be delayed for a change of clothing.

Dresses for formal occasions must be approved in advance by high school female teachers.

School Events/Field Trips: On all school outings, we must remember that we represent our school and Christ to the world. Therefore, participants are expected to be in dress code. This applies to any BGBS organization, athletic team, club, etc., that represents BGBS. The teacher/coach, with the principal, decides appropriate wear for the outing.

Voluntary Events: *Modest apparel* is the standard for athletic games, carnival day, field day, etc., and other after-school activities. **At a minimum, modest apparel is defined as:**

- No halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti strap shirts, tube tops; no tight fitting clothing

- No improper logos
- No short shorts; must extend fingertips by two inches- although top of the knee is best
- No baggy/sagging pants; belt should be worn
- If wearing hip huggers, then no mid-section may show when walking or sitting.
- Students who are not in modest apparel will be asked to leave voluntary events.

DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

It is the responsibility of the student and the parent/guardian to know what attire is acceptable to the uniform dress code policy and what attire meets the modesty philosophy of BGBS.

Determination of dress code violations will be the responsibility of teachers and administration. When it is determined that a student is in violation of the dress code:

1. A teacher will write a dress code violation slip and give it to the student to take to the office.
2. If the student is found to be in violation by the office, demerits will be given.
3. If the violation is a minor violation, such as a forgotten belt or an un-tucked shirt, the student will be given demerits and returned to class, unless it is repeat offense.
4. Parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing to the office before the student can return to class, participate in a program, or go on a field trip.
5. If a student is required to return home, the student will be considered unexcused during the portion of the school day missed to correct the dress code problem.
6. Final decisions regarding the appropriateness of student's attire rests with the principal.
7. Upon three violations of this dress code, the student will be lose extra-curricular privileges for one week and will be required to serve an after school detention.
8. Repeated violations of these guidelines will result in a parental conference and possible probation.