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BCS Dress Guidelines 2018-19

Bethesda Christian School dress guidelines have been established to give common ground to all as respective members of our learning community. Just as a family in a home and a family of God, we have common truths to care for and help each other. As we approach each day, we do so to serve others. With that understanding, each day we pursue excellence in all we do and we put our best foot forward. This policy focuses on dress that does not bring discredit to the wearer or the school, does not distract students from learning, and is safe. If a student or parent has a question about the acceptability of a particular item, please bring it in to a member of our greater learning leaders (teacher, counselor, principal, pastor). We are all here to serve each other and represent something larger than all of us, our school and The Gospel.

Pants, Shorts, Skirts or Dresses

1. Any color or pattern, sized to fit (including jeans)
2. Hemlines may not be shorter than two inches above the knee
3. Clothing that is in good shape without holes, tears, frays
4. Sweat pants or athletic pants/shorts are out of dress code, but regular shorts are permitted
5. Dresses can be any color or pattern (no writing or images) and do not need a collar provided that the shoulder blade is covered (no tanks or straps)
6. Yoga pants and leggings are appropriate only when worn under a skirt or dress

Shirts

1. Any BCS or collegiate t-shirt/sweatshirt – with or without a hood.
2. Any collared shirt; they may be any color or pattern without words or picture (small brand logo is allowed)
3. Girls may wear sleeveless collared shirts provided that the shoulder blade is covered (no tanks or straps showing)
4. Shirts are modest, cover the torso and not low cut
5. Any color or pattern jackets (no writing or images) may be worn provided each layer is within dress code and jackets have small branded logos.

General

The general appearance guideline is to maintain an environment that brings honor and attention to Christ and not ourselves. If you have a question about hair, piercings, tattoos or other appearance areas, please meet with an administrator.

Tips for Dress Code Alignment:

1. Length of dresses/skirts/shorts, must be no shorter than two inches above the knee
2. Frays in outfits will not be allowed, in addition to holes or tears
3. Hoods are considered hats and should not be worn

Any student out of dress code will be asked to change with clothes provided by the school and parents will be contacted. Any student who amasses consistent and repeated noncompliance will be included in a parent(s) meeting with the Principal to determine the driving forces behind the student's motivation and discuss the next appropriate steps.

Repeated and or persistent disrespect of the BCS Dress Guidelines is a signal to the school that the student is no longer aligned with the school Community.