

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLASSICAL CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

NO. 0009

Title: **Dress Code**

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Submitted By: Governance Committee

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the BFCCPS dress code is to encourage a positive learning environment by providing a clear, consistent guideline for attire that is modest, neat, safe, and does not distract from learning.

2 Scope

- 2.1 This Dress Code applies to all members of the BFCCPS community including students, faculty, staff, and parents.
- 2.2 This Dress Code is in effect during regular school hours.
- 2.3 This Dress Code is in effect during school sponsored events outside of school hours.

3 Responsibility

- 3.1 The Board of Trustees (BOT) is responsible for reviewing this policy biannually.
- 3.2 The Head of School (HOS) is responsible for the implementation and adherence of the provisions of this policy. This policy will be published in the public documents of the school so that all students, faculty, staff, and parents will be familiar with them, and will then be responsible for abiding by them.
- 3.3 The Head of School is authorized to temporarily suspend provisions of this policy during school hours and for school sponsored events after regular school hours.

4 Definitions

- 4.1 Headwear is defined as hats, hoods, scarves and bandanas.

5 Dress Code Policies

- 5.1 Headwear
 - 5.1.1 Headwear is not to be worn inside of the school building or other buildings during field trips except as necessary for religious or medical purposes.
- 5.2 Accessories

5.2.1 Body piercing of any sort (other than earlobes) is not allowed in school.

5.2.2 Permanent tattoos must not be visible.

5.3 Clothing

5.3.1 Clothing must be appropriate size, not too tight or too large

5.3.2 Clothing must be clean and in good repair.

5.3.3 Denim is not allowed in any form or color.

5.3.4 Undergarments, including underwear and bras, must not show while standing or seated.

5.3.5 Tops and bottoms must cover the abdomen area, front, sides and back.

5.3.6 Shirts/Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Tops must be large enough to tuck into bottoms and must not reveal cleavage.

5.3.7 Tank tops must be at least two inches wide at the shoulder for students in Fifth grade and above.

5.3.8 Spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, and pajama wear are not allowed.

5.3.9 Manufacturer, designer, or brand logos are allowed but must be smaller than three inches by three inches.

5.3.10 Graphics, writing, slogans, or cartoon characters are not allowed anywhere on a garment.

5.3.11 Stripes and patterns are allowed but must not be offensive, defined as making reference to drugs or alcohol, being sexually or racially inappropriate, making reference to violence or death, or being generally rude.

5.3.12 Athletic pants such as nylon wind pants, cotton sweatpants, track pants and yoga pants are allowed only on gym days for students in grades 1 thru 8. Kindergarteners are allowed to wear athletic pants on non-gym days.

5.3.13 When leggings are worn as bottoms, tops must comply with the hemline guideline for dresses, as defined below.

5.3.14 Hemlines for skirts/shorts/dresses should be no shorter than three inches above the knee.

5.3.15 Gym attire, as defined below, must be worn on gym days.

5.4 Gym Attire

5.4.1 Gray, navy blue, or black athletic pants, sweatpants, or shorts.

5.4.2 Plain white, gray, or navy blue t-shirt, or BFCCPS shirts including white or gray gym uniform t-shirts, Spirit Wear, Field Day t-shirts (free of handwriting), and BFCCPS event and organization t-shirts.

5.4.3 Plain gray or navy blue sweatshirt or BFCCPS sweatshirt including gym uniform and Spirit Wear sweatshirts.

5.4.4 Sneakers are required on gym days.

5.5 Footwear

5.5.1 Shoes and sneakers are allowed.

5.5.2 Thongs, flip flops, shoes with wheels, and slippers are not allowed.

5.5.3 Shoes that are both open-toe and open-heel are not allowed for students. For example, shoes that are open-toe must have a strap in the back, and shoes that are open-heel must be closed-toe.

5.5.4 Heels must be less than two inches high for students.

6 Applicable Forms - none