



BDS Dress Code Guidelines 2024-2025 School Year

Tops:

- All tops must be unaltered and appropriately fitted with sleeves; cannot be so sheer or tight as to reveal underwear or body parts
- Collared or crew neck tops only; scoop or V-neck shirts will **not** be permitted
- School approved T-shirts (club, spirit, etc.) **are permitted**
- School colors **preferred and encouraged**
- Students in grades K-5th: any solid color or print patterns; manufacturer's graphics or logos permitted
- Students in grades 6th-12th: any solid color or print patterns; No graphics or logos except for a small manufacturer's trademark
- Students may layer their tops; however, all visible tops including camisoles or undershirts must be in solid colors

Bottoms:

- Bottoms must be any solid color
- Bottoms must be appropriately fitted and seated at the waist; cannot be so sheer or tight as to reveal underwear or body parts
- No shorts, skirts or dresses shorter than five inches (5") above the kneecaps as measured standing up, (K-5 students may wear jumpers)
- Any pants with holes, rips, or tears 5 inches above the kneecaps are **not permitted**
- Dresses with sleeves (underarm must be covered) must be a solid color or print patterns but no graphics
- Small manufacturer's trademark and minimal embellishments are acceptable
- Fitness pants such as leggings, yoga pants, exercise tights, etc. are permitted but must be covered with a top that reaches fingertip length when arms are at sides.

Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Hoodies:

- Long-sleeved sweaters, sweatshirts, or hoodies must be solid color or print patterns but no graphics (unless school approved spirit or club)
- Small manufacturer's trademark is acceptable
- Hood may not be worn indoors or in covered hallways

Shoes:

- Closed toes and closed backs preferred
- Sandals with back or back strap for grades K-5 only
- No bedroom shoes, flip-flops, shower shoes, slides or beach footwear

Cloth Face Coverings:

- Cloth face coverings may be worn by students as necessary for health and safety
- Coverings must be solid colors or school approved
- Coverings may not cover eyes or tops of head
- Students will assume full responsibility for their own personal cloth face coverings

Other:

- Scarves must be worn appropriately around the neck or shoulders (accessory item only; no bandanas)
- No head wear except sunglasses. Hats or other sun- protective wear to only be worn while students are outdoors during school hours (not during class changes); however, at all other times, the sun-protective items must be properly stored by the student in pockets, purse, locker or backpack
- No jewelry or accessory that may be used as weapons such as chains or spiked jewelry
- Jackets/Coats must have either buttons, zippers or snaps that are from top to bottom. Jackets can be any color. Jackets may be worn in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher.
- Students participating in extracurricular activities shall conform to the standards of this policy while attending classes during the regular school day. Cheerleaders may wear their uniforms when required for participation in school sanctioned activities. Athletes may wear the team jerseys on game days with appropriate uniform bottoms.
- Earbuds – Principals are granted discretion of authority necessary to implement a technology policy (including earbuds/headphones) that best meets the needs of their campuses. In order for students to be made aware of security announcements or other hazardous situations in a timely manner, it is expected that all students will adhere to single earbud use while on campus, at school-sponsored events and on school- sponsored transportation. Earbuds are permitted during supervised testing situations.

Prohibited Attire at all Schools

Each student is expected to dress appropriately in such a manner that is respectful to self and others. Dress and grooming shall be clean and healthy and safe, and shall not be permitted to disrupt the teaching and learning environment. Attire and accessories that are prohibited include but are not limited to:

- Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts
- Fishnet tights
- Garters
- Halloween costumes or anything perceived as a dress up costume
- Sleepwear, pajamas, or other bedroom clothes
- Beach wear or bathing suits
- Visible undergarments including camisole tops or undershirts
- Animal tails
- Any clothing or accessory item that causes a disruption to the learning environment

School Colors are Preferred and Strongly Encouraged

Elementary Schools		Middle Schools		Combination Schools	
Callaway	Gold, Royal Blue, White	Jinks	Dark/Forest Green, Gold, White	Breakfast Point	Blue, Yellow, White
Cedar Grove	Royal Blue, Yellow, White	Merritt Brown	Orange, Royal Blue, White	Deane Bozeman	Navy Blue, Red, White
Deer Point	Blue, White, Green	Mowat	Dark/Navy Blue, Yellow, White	Rosenwald	Maroon, Black, White
Hiland Park	Red, Yellow, White	Surfside	Black, Teal White	Rutherford	Black, Yellow/Gold, White
Hutchison Beach	Blue, Orange, White			Tyndall	Blue, Red, White
Lucille Moore	Red, Royal/Navy Blue, White				
Lynn Haven	Red, Navy Blue, White	High Schools		Special Purpose Schools	
Merriam Cherry Street	Red, Royal Blue, White	Mosley	Green, Orange, White	Margaret K. Lewis	Blue, Yellow, White
Northside	Navy Blue, Yellow, White	Bay	Black, Red, White	New Horizons	Navy Blue, Red, White
Parker	Dark/Hunter Green	Arnold	Navy, Gray, White	St. Andrew	Navy/Royal Blue, Red, White
Patronis	Green, Yellow, White				
Southport	Navy Blue, Red, White				
Tommy Smith	Red, Royal/Navy Blue, White				
Waller	Navy Blue, Yellow, White				
Walsingham	Navy, Teal, White				
West Bay	Red, Blue White				

To Our Parents and Students

Thank you for working with us to ensure a safe and secure educational environment that is free from distractions based on grooming and clothing issues. If you have any questions about specific items of clothing and whether they are appropriate for school wear, please contact your school administration for assistance. For any additional information, please contact the Department of Student Services at **850-767-4311**.