2025-2026 **Student Dress Code** FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When does the new dress code go into effect?

A: The revised dress code will apply for the 2025–2026 school year, beginning on the first day of classes (August 11, 2025).

Q: Is this dress code district-wide?

A: Yes, this policy applies to all K–12 schools in Bay District Schools, with the exception of Margaret K. Lewis School, SMS Academy, and Tom P. Haney Technical College. Also note: private and charter schools have their own dress code policies.

Q: Does this dress code policy apply to Pre-K?

A: No. Our Pre-K students are not included in this policy, only our K-12 students.

Q: Are collared shirts required?

A: No. Crew neck t-shirts in solid, school-designated colors are also allowed. In addition, school-approved t-shirts, including spirit, club, and athletic are also permitted. However, tank tops, tube tops, bodysuits, and halter tops of any style are not permitted.

Q: How do I know what my school's designated colors are?

A: School-designated colors can be found on our website at bay.k12.fl.us/dresscode.

Q: Are shirts required to be tucked in?

A: No, shirts do not need to be tucked in. However, they must be long enough to cover the midriff, even when arms are raised.

Q: Are belts required?

A: No belts are not required, but if belts are worn, they must be properly worn in the loops.

Q: Can students wear jeans?

A: Yes, as long as the jeans do not have rips, holes, or tears.

Q: Can students wear jeans with rips/holes/tears if they wear leggings underneath?

A: No. Per policy, jeans may not have rips, holes, or tears.

Q: Can students wear shorts?

A: Yes, as long as all bottoms, including shorts, are one of your student's three designated school colors (solid) or from the standard color palette (khaki, navy blue, black, or gray). Shorts must also be appropriately fitted, seated at the waist, and should come to the mid thigh in length.

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Q: Can students wear athletic shorts?

A: Yes, as long as all bottoms, including athletic shorts, are in one of your student's three designated school colors (solid) or from the standard color palette (khaki, navy blue, black, or gray). Shorts must also be appropriately fitted, be seated at the waist, and should come to the mid thigh in length.

Q: Are jogger pants allowed?

A: Yes. Joggers are allowed as long as they are fitted at the waist and ankles, are one of your student's three designated school colors or from the standard color palette (khaki colored, navy blue, black, or gray). Joggers made of sweatpants material are not allowed. Pajama pants, sweatpants, low-rise, and hip-huggers are also not permitted.

Q: Can students wear leggings?

A: Yes, but leggings may only be worn under dresses, skirts, jumpers, or tops that reach at least mid-thigh in length. Leggings must also be one of your student's three designated school colors (solid only) or from the standard color palette (khaki colored, navy blue, black, or gray).

Q: Are outerwear items like coats and hoodies allowed?

A: Yes. Coats and jackets may be any color but cannot have graphics. Hoodies and sweatshirts are allowed as long as they are school approved (solid designated school color, spirit, club, or athletic), and the clothing worn underneath complies with dress code.

Q: Can students wear dresses or skirts?

A: Yes, as long as leggings are worn under dresses, skirts, jumpers, or tops that reach at least mid-thigh in length. Dresses with spaghetti straps must be worn with a schoolapproved top underneath. No halter-top dresses allowed.

Q: Can students wear jumpers/overalls?

A: Yes, jumpers and/or overalls are permitted as long as they are worn with a dress code compliant top underneath.

Q: Do my shoes have to be closed toe?

A: Yes. Shoes must be closed-toe and have either a closed back or properly-fitted back strap. No bedroom shoes, flip flops, shower shoes, slides, beach footwear, or shoes with wheels are permitted. Crocs-style shoes worn with back straps are permitted.

Q: Are hats, sunglasses, or accessories allowed?

A: Hats and sunglasses are permitted for outdoors only. Jewelry that could be used as a weapon (e.g., spikes, chains) is not allowed.