



## **Bethany Christian Academy**

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### **BCA UNIFORM POLICY AND DRESS CODE**

#### **THE BCA UNIFORM CONSISTS OF:**

- Polo shirt or t-shirt with the BCA logo  
Colors-white, gray, navy blue, royal blue, light blue, pink, purple, green, and red
- Uniform style pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, or jumpers (no higher than 3 inches above the knee) Colors-black, navy blue, khaki, and gray
- Dark blue, black, or gray jeans that fit at the waist; no skinny jeans; some decorative stitching along the seams is permitted; however, no emblems or sayings, especially across the bottom or back pockets, and no “bedazzling”
- Denim shorts and skirts are acceptable (no higher than 3 inches above the knee)  
Colors-dark blue, black, and gray
- Jackets and sweatshirts with BCA logo or plain  
Colors-black, navy blue, and gray
- Jackets and sweatshirts with high school, college, or professional sports team logos are acceptable. (Students may be asked to show that they are wearing a proper uniform shirt under their sweatshirt.)
- Students are to wear a school uniform shirt every day. On Wednesdays, students should wear the chapel shirt for the current year. Chapel shirts from previous years are acceptable as a uniform shirt, and may be worn on any day. Drill Team members may wear their drill team practice shirt only on their team practice day. Athletes may wear their team uniform shirt only on game days.

#### **DRESS CODE:**

Our Uniform Policy will be enforced. The school reserves the right to make judgements regarding inappropriate choices. Students not following dress code will be asked to go to the office to change. In some cases, the parent/guardian may be called to pick up the student or bring a change of clothes. Students who continue to violate the dress code may lose their “free dress” privileges.

Because personal appearance is a rather accurate reflection of a heart attitude and it is dealt with in the Bible (I Sam. 16:7; I Cor. 10:23; Gal. 5:13; I Peter 2:11-16; I Peter 3:3-4), it should be a concern to all dedicated Christians. Therefore, the home and the school must cooperate in assisting the child to:

- be aware of personal appearance.
- be aware of the problems connected with the neglect of proper personal appearance.
- know the guidelines to help him/her grow and mature and develop this area of personal responsibility.

Inasmuch as BCA is a “microcosm” of a thoroughly evangelical and Bible-honoring community, it is imperative that our standards be pleasing to God and other Christians. We are encouraged to be different from what might be seen within the general population, on television, in advertising, etc. (Rom. 12:1-2). While it is our desire to be free from “legalism” here at BCA, we have found that our constituency has desired that we “spell out” fairly specific rules for our school community.

**The following are key rules:**

1. Your student should be neat, well groomed, tidy, and fully dressed.
2. Dress in a manner that is conducive to our Christian learning environment. Shirts with pictures and slogans inconsistent with a Christian testimony and school philosophy are inappropriate and unacceptable. (Examples: cigarette or alcoholic beverages slogans, weapons, WWF, non-Christian music groups, etc.)
3. Some specifics regarding clothing: Girls’ dresses may never be higher than 3 inches above the knee. Miniskirts, mini dresses, or extremely tight skirts are not permitted. (Girls must wear modest shorts under their dresses and skirts.)
4. Crop-tops, strapless sundresses, tank tops, bare backs, bare stomachs, or low-cut dresses are unacceptable. Blouses and shirts must cover from the collar bone to below the beltline (shirts must be below the beltline when hands are raised over the head). Sundresses must be modest and straps must cover from the collar bone to the top of the shoulder joint.
5. Modest shorts are permitted. Shorts must be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.
6. Tight, form-fitting, or “spandex” pants, leggings, and shorts are not acceptable.
7. Dark blue, black, or gray jeans must fit at the waist. Skinny jeans are unacceptable. Some decorative stitching along the seams is permitted; however, no emblems or sayings, especially across the bottom or back pockets, and no “bedazzling.” Extremely worn out jeans with holes, tears, or frayed edges are unacceptable.
8. Boys’ shorts and pants must not be excessively loose or baggy. Pants and shorts must be belted or properly fitted at the waist. Pants and shorts may not “sag” below the waist.
9. Shoes must be worn at all times. Socks are required. For safety reasons, we strongly recommend that sandals not be worn. If they are worn, they must have a closed toe and a strap around the back. Flip-flops and Birkenstocks are not permitted. Roller shoes (Heelys) are not permitted.
10. Make-up is not permitted in grades K-5. Girls in grades 6-8 may wear modest make-up. Black or heavy eyeliner is not permitted. Fingernail decals, black, green, purple, blue, or dark red nail polish is not permitted. Girls are not permitted to bring make-up to school.
11. Girls may have pierced ears and may wear earrings; however, they may have no more than 2 per ear, and the earrings must be in the lobe of the ear. No other body parts may be pierced. Boys may not wear earrings, nor have any body parts pierced.
12. Hair must be clean, neat, and well groomed. Eyes must be visible at all times. Mohawks, spiked, or “punk” hairstyles are not permitted. Boys’ hair cannot be any longer than the top of their shirt collar and they are not permitted to have ponytails. Unnaturally colored hair is unacceptable (except when special permission is given during Spirit Week).