

BLUEGRASS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Dress Code Policy

Our development of a dress code policy is driven by a desire to create and promote an environment of learning where dress is not a distraction to the educational process based on the following principles:

1. Our goal is to honor God in all we do, acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our choices.
2. All human actions, including outward manifestations such as clothing, reveal and communicate the disposition of the heart at some level. It is our desire to address these heart issues in one concise dress code policy rather than seeking to anticipate and curb the numerous manifestations that would arise without clearly defined expectations.
3. A dress code teaches children to present themselves ready for the task at hand. Clothing represents the vocational calling of a person, and inherent in the dress code policy is the aesthetic communication that students are working toward a common goal of being active participants in receiving an education. The neat appearance created by a dress code enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere by de-emphasizing the social impact of dress and focusing the students on academic pursuits.
4. The dress code assists security. Teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders during outdoor activities, recess, and field trips.

During school hours, students in all grades are to adhere to the dress code at all times except on special announced occasions, such as dress-down days, spirit day, field trips, etc. The administration is responsible for the interpretation of the policy. If the administration or staff believe that parents or students have misinterpreted what is permissible according to the dress code, communication will be made to clarify. If a student comes to school out of uniform five times in a year, it will result in an office visit.

Garment	Young Men	Young Women
Pants / Shorts	Navy or Khaki	Navy or Khaki
Shirts	Light Blue, Navy, White Polo / White or Light Blue Oxford (always tucked)	Light Blue, Navy, White Polo / White or Light Blue Oxford (tucking optional so long as neat appearance maintained)
Sweaters / Sweatshirts	Vests, Pullover, Cardigan: Navy or Grey Only	Vests, Pullover, Cardigan: Navy, Grey or White Only
Shoes	Athletic or Dress (no sandals or flip flops)	Athletic or Dress (no flip flops)
Dresses	No	Navy or Light Blue
Jumpers / Skirts	No	Navy, Khaki, or Land's End (Clear Blue Plaid)

Clarifications:

1. Skirts must not be shorter than 2" above the knee measured by the line at the back of the knee.
2. Shorts should be longer than mid-thigh (fingertip length.)
3. Boys must wear belts with shirts tucked in.
4. Anytime students are out of dress code (Spirit Days) students may wear jeans (no holes/tears). T-shirts do not need to be tucked on these days. No short shorts. Elements of modesty as outlined are still enforced on dress down days.
5. Stockings, tights, leggings and nylons beneath skirts are fine but must be solid white, navy, or grey.
6. Sweaters & coats that do not comply with dress code may not be worn into the classroom. Solid color jackets are permissible if they are navy or grey. Hoodies (including BCA hoodies) are not permissible on non-dress down days.
7. Camisoles and undershirts are deemed undergarments and should be tucked in, not visible below the hem of other shirts.
8. The only acceptable embroidery on clothing for students is the school logo. Two local providers have the pre-approved BCA logo on file: The Nest (Bloomfield) & Choice Uniform (Bardstown). To use another provider you must secure the approved logo from school.
9. Exclusions: sandals, clogs, corduroy, denim, cargo pants/shorts, yoga pants, hooded sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, scarves, bandanas, lace, ruffles or distracting styles (e.g. dyed or unkempt hair, torn or soiled clothes, overdone makeup or jewelry, tattoos, immodesty, visible midriffs, undergarments, or camisoles, over or undersized clothing.)
10. Students who arrive at school who do not meet dress code guidelines **will be required to call parents to bring the appropriate clothing**, and may not be allowed to attend class.

Change of clothes

Students in grades preschool – 1st grades should bring a change of clothing in their backpack. Clothing items (shirt, pants, undergarment, and socks) need to be placed in a ziplock bag and put your child's name on the outside. Wet or stained clothes will be placed in a bag for you to take home and replace for the next day. Make sure to update clothing as the weather changes.

Parents and Volunteers

When parents volunteer at the school, they should follow the same guidelines of modesty and appropriate dress. The school reserves the right to ask any parent volunteer to leave campus who does not meet appropriate modesty standards.