

Dress Code

It is a belief of Baytown Christian Academy that a well-dressed and well-groomed student will be a successful student at BCA and a successful member of society. Students must maintain a sense of pride and modesty in their appearance at all times. Keeping this philosophy in mind, the following dress requirements for BCA students will be expected of all students. The dress code is intended to create a non-distracting, conservative educational atmosphere.

Failure to comply with stated rules will result in the issuance of demerits (minor infractions) and the removal of students from class until the student becomes in compliance (major and/or repeated infractions).

General Guidelines – All Grade Levels

- Free Dress Days (as determined by campus Administration) WILL NOT apply on Monday Chapel days unless specifically determined by the headmaster.
- Tight clothing is not allowed.
- Sagging pants are not allowed; all pants must be worn at waist level.
- See-through garments are not allowed.
- Male students must be clean-shaven. No facial hair (beards / mustaches) are allowed. Sideburns may not extend past ear lobe level.
- Hair must be neat and well-groomed. Hair must be kept out of the student's eyes.
- Hair styles and colors that are deemed distracting by Administration are not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, extreme length (on males), multi-colored hair, extreme colors (colors outside the realm of natural hair colors), non-traditional hair styles, and designs cut into the hair.
- Male students are not allowed to wear hair accessories, including rubber bands, to comply with hair policy.
- Male students are not allowed to wear ear rings. (Band-Aid covering of ear rings is not an acceptable alternative to this policy. No spacers of any kind are allowed in ears that are already pierced.)
- Female students are limited to two ear rings on each ear. Oversized, dangling ear rings are not allowed.
- No other visible piercings are allowed on any student.
- No visible tattoos are allowed on any student.

Shoes / Laces / Socks:

- Students must wear matching footwear at all times.
- Footwear must be predominantly white, black, brown, navy blue, royal blue, or gray.
- Backless shoes, sandals, skate shoes, flip flops, and light-up shoes are not allowed.
- Shoe laces must match and be solid white, black, brown, navy blue, royal blue, or gray.
- Socks must match and be predominantly white, black, brown, navy blue, royal blue, or gray in color.
- No extreme colors, including florescent colors and multi-colored socks, or patterns in socks will be allowed.

Undershirts:

- Short-sleeved or long-sleeved undershirts are allowed under approved shirts.
- Undershirts must be solid white or solid navy blue with no designs.

Extreme-Cold Outerwear

- Under extreme cold conditions, students will be allowed to wear “heavy coats” to school.
- Students will be required to hang heavy coats on classroom hooks (where available) or store in locker (if available) during instructional time.
- Heavy coats must be conservative in style and markings. Infractions will be handled on an individual basis by an administrator.
- Extreme-cold outerwear may not be worn in classrooms during instructional time.

Friday “Spirit Day”

- Any attire permitted under “Grade-Specific Guidelines” for the student’s grade level.
- BCA-approved jeans are allowed for all students.
- Untucked BCA t-shirts are allowed for all students.
- Solid navy, gray, white, or black hoodies, with or without BCA logo, are allowed for all students. (Hoodies with no BCA logo are limited to a brand logo less than two inches in size on the sleeve or the breast-pocket area).

Grade Specific Guidelines

Grammar - Grades PK-3 thru 5

Chapel Attire

Males:

- Solid navy or white BCA Polo shirt
- Solid white, button-front, tucked-in shirt
- OPTIONAL: Solid navy tie or Land’s End-approved tie (Clear Blue) or solid navy bow tie. NOTE: Ties are available for purchase in the Main Office.
- Khaki or navy slacks with black or brown belt (belts not required of students PK4 – K5) or solid black, brown, or navy suspenders.

Females:

- Solid navy or white BCA Polo shirt
- Solid white, button-front, tucked-in shirt (square-tailed shirt may be untucked but must extend past waist-level).
- OPTIONAL: Solid navy French Toast cross tie (PK-4 thru Grade 5 only). NOTE: Ties are available for purchase in the Main Office.
- Khaki or navy knee-length skirt or jumper OR Land's End or French Toast-approved plaid knee-length skirt or jumper (Clear Blue).
- Solid navy, black, or gray modesty shorts must be worn under skirts.

Tuesday-Friday Attire (Males and Females)

- Chapel attire allowed.
- Solid navy or solid white tucked-in polo shirt with BCA logo.
- Solid navy, solid white, or solid heather gray tucked-in polo shirt with no logo (no brand logos of any kind).
- Solid navy or solid Khaki slacks, knee-length shorts, jumper, skirt, skorts, or Capri pants.
- Solid navy, black, or dark gray modesty shorts must be worn beneath skirts and jumpers.
- Cargo pants and cargo shorts are NOT allowed.
- Solid black, white, gray, navy, or beige tights or leggings are allowed. No prints or embellishments are allowed on tights or leggings.
- Black or brown belt is required on all garments with belt loops (grades 1-5 only; PK4, and K5 are not required to wear a belt).
- All other items listed under "General Guidelines – All Grade Levels."

Cool Weather Outerwear (Jackets / Sweaters / Crew-Neck Sweatshirts / Hoodies)

- Jackets and sweaters must be solid navy, gray, white, or black.
- Solid navy, gray, or white crew-neck sweatshirts with or without BCA logo are allowed.
- No logo/pictures/markings other than BCA logo is allowed on outerwear (excluding a brand logo less than two inches in size on the sleeve or the breast-pocket area).
- Solid navy, gray, white, or black hoodies, with or without BCA logo, are allowed for all students on Fridays. (Hoodies with no BCA logo are limited to a brand logo less than two inches in size on the sleeve or the breast-pocket area).

All outerwear infractions will result in the garment remaining in the front office until the end of the school day and parent contact.

Logic / Rhetoric – (Junior High / High School - Grades 6-12)

Chapel Attire

Males:

- Solid Khaki slacks with solid black or brown belt. No cargo pants / shorts are allowed.
- Solid, tucked-in navy or white BCA Polo shirt.
- No shorts are allowed while in chapel attire.

Females:

- Solid Khaki or Land's End-approved Clear Blue plaid knee-length skirt with solid white tucked-in button-front shirt (square-tailed shirts may be untucked but must extend past waist level).
- Solid Khaki slacks (no Capris) with solid white or navy BCA Polo shirt (shirt may be untucked but must extend past waist level) or solid white tucked-in button-front shirt (square-tailed button-front shirts may be untucked but must extend past waist level).
- Solid navy, black, or gray modesty shorts (if skirt option is chosen).

Tuesday-Friday Attire (Males and Females)

- Chapel attire is allowed.

- Solid navy BCA Polo or solid white BCA polo. No other Polo shirts are allowed.
- Polo shirts may remain untucked as long as they do not hang beneath the back pocket of the pants. (Shirts extended past the back pockets must be tucked.)
- Black or brown belt required if Polo is tucked and pants have belt loops.
- Solid navy or solid Khaki slacks.
- Cargo pants and cargo shorts are not allowed.
- Solid blue jeans (limited embroidery / bling allowed on pockets only). No jeans without back pockets. No acid-washed, bleached, or dyed jeans. No frayed pockets, seams, hems or holes allowed.
- Shorts and solid Khaki Capri pants allowed in season; in season defined as the time between the start of school and Thanksgiving break AND the time between Spring Break and the last day of school. (In other words, shorts or Capri pants are NOT allowed between Thanksgiving and Spring Break.)
- All other items listed under "General Guidelines – All Grade Levels."

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NOTE: The wearing of approved cool-weather outerwear does not allow a student to be non-compliant with other dress requirements of the day (shirts, belts, etc.)

All outerwear infractions will result in the garment remaining in the front office until the end of the school day and the issuance of demerits (junior high / high school).

Hoodies / Jackets Defined

For BCA dress code purposes, a hoodie is defined as "any pullover that has an attached hood."

For BCA dress code purposes, a jacket is defined as "any garment that has a full-zippered or full-buttoned front." A jacket may have an attached hood and will fall under the guidelines for "Cool Weather Outerwear."

Students are not permitted to wear hoods while inside the building when wearing an approved jacket. Students who wear the hood inside the building will be issued a demerit and will lose the privilege of wearing any hooded garment for the remainder of the current semester.

Pullover garments that do not have an attached hood (sweatshirts, athletic pullovers, etc.) will be considered jackets and must follow "Cool Weather Outerwear" guidelines.

Free Dress Guidelines

On days determined to be "Free Dress" by campus administration, the following items are NOT permitted:

- Hats / Caps (unless announced prior to the free dress day)
- Tights, leggings, and jeggings (unless worn under knee-length skirt or shorts; a long shirt does NOT substitute for a skirt or shorts)
- Tight-fitting clothing deemed out of line with the modesty standards of BCA
- Athletic shorts (other than knee-length, basketball-style shorts)

Dress Code "Style" Information

- Land's End School Code: 900075276
- French Toast School Code: QS5AQGN