

2023-2024 BETHLEHEM ACADEMY DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

Bethlehem Academy is committed to advocating for the dignity of every person within our school community. The purpose of the dress code is: modesty, consistency, safety and respect for others - all of which impact student learning. Students are held responsible for the clothing they choose to wear.

MASS DRESS CODE:

Approved Mass attire is available via the online school store and at Star Sports and Apparel in Faribault (21 2nd Ave NW Suite 2, 507-332-9809).

Tops:

- Solid black, red, or white polos with or without BA logo
- Collared, solid white or black button-down shirt

Bottoms:

- Boys or Girls: Tan or black pants (No blue jeans, leggings, sweats, or shorts)
- Girls may choose to wear knee-length solid black, tan, or black and red plaid skirts

Jackets or Sweaters:

Over their Mass shirts, students may wear a **solid red, black, or gray** - quarter zip, jacket, vest or sweater. NO PRINTS. Students may also wear a BA crew neck sweatshirt, or BA quarter zip athletic jacket, or vest, over their Mass shirt in colder weather. **No hooded sweatshirts on Mass days.**

REGULAR SCHOOL DAY DRESS CODE:

Shirts

- All scholars will wear a collared, round neck, or crew neck shirt with sleeves.
- Over the shirt, scholars may wear sweatshirts, zip-ups, sweaters, or fleece jackets.
- Clothing may not have large logos, unless the clothing represents a school, college, or activity. (Logos/designs must be smaller than a person's fist)
- Midriffs, cleavage, and undergarments must be covered.

Pants/Shorts

- Scholars may wear jeans, pants, or capris of any color during the school week. (No ripped clothing, no baggy sweatpants, no leggings.)
- Shorts may be worn prior before MEA and following Spring Break. Shorts must be dress or Bermuda style shorts, knee-length with sewn hems. (No athletic shorts or cut-offs.)

Dresses/Skirts

All dresses must have a rounded, crew neck, or collared neckline. All skirt and dress lengths must be to the knee. Leggings may be worn under a skirt.

Shoes

All students will wear shoes. State law requires for health reasons, no bare feet will be allowed in the school building. Slippers are not permitted. Backless shoes are acceptable. Flip-flops/Birkenstocks may be worn before MEA and following Spring Break.

Hair

Hairstyles that draw undue attention to the student will not be permitted. Highlights, braids and extensions must be of a color that occurs naturally in humans and not be in such contrast as to draw undue attention to the student. Only light reds and blond, black, or brown highlights are allowed. Facial hair should be kept neat and clean.

Unacceptable Clothing Items

- leggings, jeggings, yoga pants
- sweatpants, nylon sport pants
- athletic shorts or sweat shorts
- transparent shirts, sleeveless shirts
- hats (once inside the building, hats must be removed)
- cut-off shorts, torn clothing, or ripped jeans
- crop tops or shirts with a low neckline
- clothing with inappropriate designs and/or messages or inappropriate references, including but not limited to the following: alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, and business advertisements.

All student groups are allowed to wear team attire tops (jerseys, t-shirts, hoodies, jackets) with dress code bottoms on event days to celebrate team unity and bring awareness to the community about student events.

Students not in acceptable attire will be expected to do the following:

- Go to the office to change to meet dress code expectations. The school will have a limited supply of shirts that may be borrowed.
- Call parents from the office to provide alternative clothing.
- Remain in the office until proper clothing is attained. (Unexcused absence)
 - **First & Second Offense:** Dress code violation and must be corrected that day with a loaner from the school or parent.
 - **Third Offense:** Dress code violation and must be corrected that day from the school or parent. Detention will be assigned for that instance and each future infraction.

Dress Down Days

Throughout the school year, there may be declared “Dress Down Days” for various reasons. On these days, the items listed in the “Unacceptable Clothing Items” section (above) from this handbook, continue to be UNACCEPTABLE. Sometimes, for an extra dress down dollar, some of the above items may be specifically communicated as acceptable for that day only.

When the school has special dress theme days for Homecoming and other school spirit events, students should wear the specified attire or come to school in the normal dress code.