

## **ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE**

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All clothing and personal appearance must be neat, clean, in good repair, and modest in fit and length and appropriate to a Christian educational environment. Dress, hairstyle or makeup should not call undue attention to the individual or be distracting. This code applies during any school day from the time of arrival on campus. There will sometimes be special considerations made for certain field trips and school activities. These considerations will be communicated by the teacher in advance.

### **PREKINDERGARTEN DRESS CODE**

Students in Prekindergarten should wear play clothes to school. Items can be purchased from any store. Prekindergarten students may wear BCS items from Manatee Apparel, Ocean Breezes, or Lands' End if desired but it is not required. Athletic shoes must be worn at all times. Students must wear tennis shoes, sneakers, or athletic shoes with laces that lace up and tie, close with Velcro, or have fitted elastic. No light-up, noise-making, or wheeled shoes are allowed. Students play outside every day so sandals, slip-ons, ballerinas, crocs, boots, slippers, boat shoes, or other footwear that may be inappropriate for active movement are not allowed due to safety concerns.

### **KINDERGARTEN – 5TH GRADE STANDARDIZED DRESS**

BCS Christian School has a campus wide standardized dress code. The purpose of this plan is to:

1. Maintain appropriate modesty,
2. Ensure that student dress reflects pride in the school,
3. Have a fair, consistent and objective dress code, and
4. Have a campus wide plan that works toward the goal of training our students in appropriate dress.

We need parental support to effectively maintain standards of dress for our students. These policies can only be successful and productive when the home and school work together. Parents are encouraged to teach their children to cooperate with the guidelines within the dress code. It has been established so that matters of dress are not a distracting or divisive issue within our community. Please help us with the following:

1. Do not allow your child to “push the envelope.” Please help your child stay well within the established guidelines.
2. Do not take dress code infraction incidents personally. School employees try to administer the dress code as consistently and fairly as possible.
3. Help your child to understand the purpose of the dress code and the importance of learning to live within guidelines.

4. Do not allow the inconvenience or frustration of a moment to undercut the vital partnership between the home and school.

Please use the guidelines below to determine appropriate dress for your child. We are seeking a reasonable compromise between dress that is neat and modest while also suitable for active play. This list is not exhaustive nor does it touch on all the possible combinations of acceptable dress. Administrators have the right to determine appropriateness of any and all student dress at school and/or school functions.

#### Dress guidelines for Both Girls and Boys, K – 5th grade

Shirts/T-Shirts:	Students must wear BCS school name logo official shirts or t-shirts purchased from Ocean Breezes, Manatee Apparel, or Lands' End. A variety of boys' and girls' t-shirts, polos, blouses, and other styles will be available in a variety of colors and price points. BCS shirts from prior years can be worn. BCS shirts with the paw-print logo from previous years are acceptable
Pants:	Pants, jeans, and athletic pants in your choice of color/style--not tight, form-fitting, or excessively small or large. Can be from any store. Yoga-style or leggings style pants are not permitted unless worn under a dress, skirt, or shorts of appropriate mid-thigh length.
Shorts/Skorts/Skirts	Must be mid-thigh length or longer, in your choice of color/style--not tight, form-fitting, or excessively small or large. Can be from any store. Knee-length soccer, basketball, or long, loose-fitting athletic shorts are permitted. Form fitting, spandex, or Softe/cheer style gym shorts are not permitted unless worn under a skirt, skort, shorts or dress of appropriate mid-thigh length.
Dresses	Dresses with the Bradenton Christian School logo purchased from Lands' End.
Shoes: Velcro, heel"	Tennis shoes/sneakers/athletic shoes that lace up and tie, close with or have fitted elastic. Light-up, noise-making, wheeled, wedge or "high-heel" style sneakers are not allowed.
Sweaters/Sweatshirts	Worn in the classroom- plain solid color or school name logo, in your choice of color/style--no large logos or writing. All commercial logos should be smaller than 3" square. Can be from any store.
Heavy Outerwear	Worn outside the classroom-jackets, coats, and sweatshirts in your choice of style/color/pattern. Large logos are permitted. No inappropriate words or pictures. Can be from any store.

#### Additional dress code information for both boys and girls, K – 5th grade

1. Students will be provided with a BCS t-shirt at the beginning of the school year. These shirts should be worn on field trips and other specified occasions.

2. T-shirts must be official school-supplied BCS t-shirts from any current or past school activity. (Includes t-shirts from prior years.) Any BCS t-shirt can be worn any school day unless a field trip, special program, or activity is planned and you are notified by teachers in advance.
3. Students are required to wear items appropriate for their size. Clothes are to fit well and not be tight or baggy. Undergarments are not to be visible.
4. All clothes must be free of holes, rips, slashes, and ragged edges.
5. Athletic shoes must be worn at all times. Light-up, wheeled, noise-making shoes are not allowed. BCS students have PE or recess every day so sandals, slip-ons, ballerinas, crocs, boots, slippers, boat shoes, or other footwear styles that may be inappropriate for active movement are not allowed due to ensure student safety. Students will be asked to sit out of the activity if shoes are not appropriate.
6. Shorts, skirts and skorts of mid-thigh length or longer are permitted. Knee-length soccer, basketball, or long, loose-fitting athletic shorts are permitted. Pajama pants are not permitted. Short, athletic "Soffe/cheer-style" athletic shorts and form fitting, spandex, yoga-style, or legging-style pants are not permitted unless worn under dresses, skirts, skorts, or shorts of appropriate mid-thigh length.
7. Outerwear items (heavy coats or jackets that are worn outside only) are your choice of style and color and can be purchased from any store. Logos are permitted on outerwear.
8. Hair must be a natural color. Spiked hair, multicolored hair, glitter, extreme/distracting styles, and excessive hair accessories are not allowed.
9. Students may not wear any pierced body ornaments. Girls may wear pierced earrings that are not extreme.
10. Clothing, jewelry, cosmetics, or other items that refer to, symbolize, or endorse a culture of music groups, gangs, racial prejudice (i.e. – Confederate flag), drugs, alcohol, Satanism, death, immorality, rude/crude/profane wording, or any other items that reference an inappropriate theme for a Christian school (as determined by the administration) are not permitted at any school function on or off campus.
11. Standardized dress apparel is selected for specific fit and style reasons. BCS logo clothing items may not be altered without the written consent of the principal.
12. Administrators, at their discretion, may not allow any clothing, jewelry, cosmetics, or other items that are determined to be causing a distraction, disruption, or danger.

#### Special Dress Issues for Girls, K – 5th grade

13. Girls' shirts and blouses should be long enough that the midriff and back will not show when arms are extended above the head. All tops must cover the lower back when sitting. Shirts and blouses should not be tight, form fitting, or "see-through."
14. Leggings, spandex, yoga-style pants, Soffe-style gym shorts, or tight form-fitting pants can only be worn under skirts, skorts, or shorts of appropriate mid-thigh length.
15. Jewelry and earrings should be appropriate for active play and not be large or distracting.

#### Special Dress Issues for Boys, K – 5th grade

1. Boys' pants are to be worn at the natural waistline.
2. Hair is to be neatly groomed and not worn over the eyes. Boys may not wear pony-tails or pig-tails.
3. Boys may not wear earrings or other pierced items.
4. Boys may wear necklaces or bracelets that are appropriate for active play and not large or distracting.

#### Casual or Dress-down Days, K – 5th grade

Students may wear any shirts or blouses of any style. Shirts or blouses must have either collars or sleeves. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or halter styles are not permitted. Shorts or skirts must be mid-thigh length or longer.

#### Special Occasion Dress

From time to time there may be occasions in which students will have other “dress up” or “dress down” requirements. Teachers will inform parents regarding these occasions. Sequins, sparkles, stones or other types of metallic adornments may be permitted on clothing on these days depending on the occasion.