



UNIFORM/DRESS CODE POLICY

A uniform policy reduces competition in dress and eliminates distractions caused by appearance. A neat, clean appearance of the whole student body is a factor in creating the proper learning atmosphere, promoting dignity and sensitivity towards others.

Acceptable Uniform Apparel

PANTS / SHORTS/CAPRIS

- Cotton blend or Corduroy Pants (Navy or Khaki)
- (August 1st – October 31st; April 6th - end of year) – Cotton blend uniform shorts or capris may be worn

No stretchy type material is allowed for pants. No cargos, jeggings, leggings, jean material, stretchy material or tight pants are allowed.

SHIRT –

Students have a few options for their uniform top. They may wear:

- Short sleeve Polo shirt (solid red, solid white, or solid navy – small logo ok)
- Long sleeve Polo shirt (solid red, solid white, or solid navy – small logo ok)
- Button-down shirt (solid red, solid white, or solid navy – small logo ok)
- Turtleneck (solid red, solid white, or solid navy – small logo ok)
- BCS Uniform Polo (red, white, or navy – see spirit store online)

In addition to the collared shirt above, students may also wear:

- Cardigan sweater (solid red, solid white, or solid navy – small logo ok)
- BCS Uniform fleece (red, white, or navy – see spirit store online)
- BCS Uniform Hooded Sweatshirt (red, white, or navy – see spirit store online)

Burlington Catholic Athletic apparel with school mascot is NOT uniform appropriate – these spirit wear items may be worn on out of uniform days.

JUMPERS, SKIRTS, AND SKORTS

- Solid navy or solid khaki; Polo shirt dress in solid red, navy, or white also allowed
- Must be fingertip length or longer!
- (August 1st – October 31st; April 6th -end of year) – Solid black, navy, or white shorts, leggings, and / or tights should be worn under uniform skirts or jumpers
- November 1st-April 3rd – girls **MUST** wear solid black, navy, or white leggings under jumper, skirt, or skort.

Even if leggings are worn, the skirt, skort, or jumper must be fingertip length!



SHOES/SOCKS

- Daily – students should wear closed-toe, recess appropriate shoes
- Socks **MUST** be worn each day
- Warm Weather (August 1st – October 31st; April 6th-end of year) – sandals with a **back strap AND socks** may be worn
 - Remember that if shoes are not recess appropriate, another pair should be brought to school
- Phy Ed Class - An extra pair of athletic shoes is required

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS CODE

Students in grades 4-8 must change into appropriate gym attire each class

- Cotton or dry fit crewneck t-shirt (must fit appropriately – no tight or low cut shirts allowed); small side logo or appropriate words allowed
- Solid athletic shorts – fingertip length or longer; must fit appropriately (not too loose or too tight) **OR** athletic pants / sweatpants – no leggings or tight spandex material; no holes (must fit appropriately); small side logo or appropriate words allowed
- Athletic shoes (separate from recess shoes)
- Socks

WARM WEATHER UNIFORM POLICY (August 1st-October 31st; April 6th-end of year)

The principal shall have the option to adjust the dates based on weather conditions.

- Uniform shorts or capris may be worn instead of pants (except mass day).
- Females can wear shorts underneath their skirt, skort, or jumper instead of leggings
- Sandals with a back strap **AND** socks may be worn
- Socks must still be worn each day!

No cargos, jean material, or tight shorts/capris are allowed. Shorts/capris cannot be worn to mass. Socks MUST be worn each day whether they wear sandals or tennis shoes

COLD WEATHER UNIFORM POLICY (November 1ST-April 5th)

The principal shall have the option to adjust the dates based on weather conditions.

- Pants or Skirt, Skort, or Jumper with leggings must be worn
- No sandals
- K-3 – Students must wear boots and snow pants or have them available at school.
- 4-8 – Students must wear boots or have them available at school (remember – students will be walking outside for Mass, Gym class, etc.); snow pants should also be available if they wish to play in the snow!



GENERAL UNIFORM RULES

- No dangling earrings or excessive, distracting jewelry
 - The principal or teachers reserve the right to ask students to take off jewelry if it becomes a problem.
- Baseball caps may be worn outdoors with the brims to the front.
- Make-up (if reasonably applied), will be allowed for girls in grades 6, 7 & 8 only.
 - The principal or teachers reserve the right to ask students to take off make-up if it is excessive or distracting
- Distracting hairstyles and non-natural hair colors are not allowed.
- Tattoos and body piercings are not allowed.

OUT OF UNIFORM DRESS CODE

Throughout the school year, BCS will have out of uniform days. Some out of uniform days will be themed days, others will be 7th grade fundraiser days. Please note: Out of uniform days are optional. If you do not wish to participate in the theme and / or fundraiser day, students must wear their uniform.

The following clothing **is allowed** for out of uniform days:

- Pants, jeans, jerseys, skirts, dresses, sweaters, athletic pants (not spandex), sweatshirts and t-shirts with appropriate writing.
- Patterned leggings or tights may be worn under a fingertip length skirt, dress, or top – NOT as pants!
- BCA spirit wear
- August 1st-October 31st; April 6th-end of year: Capris, shorts, athletic shorts may also be worn
 - Shorts must be fingertip length or longer
 - Shorts must fit appropriately

The following clothing **is not allowed** for out of uniform days:

- Tank tops, sweatpants, leggings worn as pants, yoga pants, jeggings, stretchy material pants, overly tight pants, distressed pants or jeans that are torn or have holes, sleeveless tops or sleeveless dresses

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS:

- First Offense: Student will be issued a verbal warning.
- Second Offense: Student will be issued a written warning that parent must sign and return by then next school day.
- Third Offense: Student loses next out of uniform day; Note is sent home to parent to be signed and returned by the next day
- Fourth or more Offenses: Student loses next out of uniform day and will be issued a detention; Parent / Student conference with Principal and homeroom teacher is required.

Final determination on all dress code issues will be at the discretion of the Principal.