

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLASSICAL CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

NO. 0009

Title: **Dress Code**

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1 Purpose

1.1 The BFCCPS dress code is central to maintain a professional, safe and respectful school environment that does not distract from learning.

2. Scope

2.1 This policy applies to all BFCCPS students.

2.2 This Dress Code is in effect during regular school hours.

2.3 This Dress Code may be in effect during school-sponsored events outside of school hours at the discretion of the Head of School.

3. Responsibility

3.1 The Board of Trustees (BOT) is responsible for interpreting the provision of this policy.

3.2 The Head of School (HOS) is responsible for the implementation and adherence to this policy.

3.3 Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children comply with the Dress Code.

4. Definitions

4.1 Clothing - tops, bottoms, dresses, jumpers, outerwear, and headwear.

4.2 Headwear – baseball caps, winter hats, hoods, scarves and bandanas.

4.3 P.E. – Physical Education

5. Dress Code Policies

5.1 General

5.1.1 Clothing must not be offensive, defined as making reference to drugs or alcohol, being sexually or racially inappropriate, making reference to violence or death.

- 5.1.2 Denim or clothing having the appearance of denim is not allowed in any form or color.
- 5.1.3 Tops and bottoms must be appropriate size, not too tight or too large. (i.e. tops must cover abdomen area on all sides and must not reveal any cleavage and pants must be properly pulled up and fastened, if needed, so as not to reveal undergarments or buttocks)
- 5.1.4 Clothing must be clean and in good repair (i.e. no ripped holes in tops or bottoms).
- 5.1.5 Dresses, shorts, skirts and skorts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- 5.1.6 When leggings are worn as bottoms, tops must comply with the hemline requirement for dresses.
- 5.1.6 Tank tops must be at least two inches wide at the shoulder for students in Fifth grade and above.
- 5.1.7 Spaghetti straps, halter -tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, and pajama-wear are not allowed.

5.2 P.E. Attire

- 5.2.1 P.E. Attire must be worn on days when the student has P.E. with the exception of kindergartners
- 5.2.2 BFCCPS clothing that is clean and not written on may be worn.
- 5.2.3 T-shirts must be worn
- 5.2.4 Sweatshirts may be worn.
- 5.2.5 Sweatpants, gym shorts, or athletic pants such as nylon wind pants, track pants, and yoga pants, must be worn and are allowed only on P.E. days for students in grades 1-8.
- 5.2.6 Sneakers are required on gym days.

5.3 Headwear

- 5.3.1 Headwear may be worn to school but will be removed upon entering the building except as necessary for religious or medical purposes.

5.4 Accessories

5.4.1 Body piercings of any sort (other than earlobes) are not allowed in school.

5.5 Footwear

5.5.1 Shoes or sneakers are required.

5.5.2 Flip flops, beach shoes, open-toe and open-heel shoes, slippers and shoes with wheels are not permitted. Shoes that are open-toe must have a strap in the back and shoes that are open-heel must be closed-toe.

5.5.3 Heels must be less than two inches high.

5.6 Outerwear

5.6.1 Students may wear any style of outerwear and winter footwear to and from school.

5.6.2 Winter outerwear and winter footwear must be removed while at school and cannot be worn or carried during the school day.

6 Applicable forms

7 Related Policy and Procedures or Documents