



DRESS CODE POLICY

BLPA's dress code policy has been established to help facilitate the education of our students to ensure their safety and to allow for parity among students. This policy will be reviewed and updated as deemed necessary by the administration and BLA Board of Directors. The BLPA staff, with support of the BLA Board, reserves the right to deny, at its discretion, any item that is noticeably different in style, color, or fabric. Any checking will be done visually, and parents will be notified of noncompliance. Students are to present a neat appearance including appropriate sizing for the individual. No clothing item may have holes or tears.

Shirts

All shirts worn must have a collar unless a school spirit t-shirt or approved shirt for spirit celebration. All shirts must be of the following:

- Plain in color/non-neon
- Polo shirts (long or short sleeve)
- Oxford shirt (button down)
- Shirts may be worn tucked in or untucked. If worn untucked, the shirt must extend past the waistband, but not extend past the wrist.

Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Polo Dresses, and Jumpers

Must be plain in color/non-neon and without patterns, embellishments, holes, tears, etc.

- Tights, leggings, or the like are not to be worn as pants. Tights and leggings are allowed when worn under jumpers, skirts, or dresses.
- Flare bottom pants are allowed
- Sweatpants are NOT allowed unless they are BLPA spirit wear.
- The hemline in jumpers, polo dresses, skirts, and shorts must be long enough to extend beyond the student's fingertips when the hand is extended down the thigh.
- Undergarments/shorts are required underneath jumpers, polo dresses, or skirts.
- Jeans may only be worn on Free-Dress Friday and must be without holes and tears.

Outerwear

Sweaters, sweater vests, cardigans, sweatshirts, windbreakers, blazers, and sport jackets.

- A dress code compliant shirt must be worn under outerwear.
- Must be plain/solid in color and non-neon

- Zip up Hoodies are NOT allowed.
- Outerwear that is worn for warmth to and from school and outside, including flannels that are not dress code compliant, will not be permitted to be worn in the building during school hours.

Spirit Wear

Spirit wear is defined as clothing that promotes BLPA or a BLPA team, club, or activity.

- Spirit wear shirts, sweatshirts, and pants may be worn at any time. This does NOT include leggings. Leggings may not be worn at **any** time, even if they are spirit wear.
- Must be approved BLA spirit wear or approved BLPA team/club apparel.

Footwear

Shoes must always be worn. Shoes should be appropriate for daily activity.

- Open-toed footwear, footwear with lights/wheels, slippers, sandals, high heels over 2 inches, and mules/clogs are not permitted.
- Tennis/athletic shoes with non-marking soles are required for physical education. Students without proper shoes may be restricted from participating in physical education classes or extracurricular activities. A physical education grade may be affected by the lack of participation.

Free-Dress Friday

- Top of chest to bottom of fingertips must be covered.
- No ripped jeans.
- No tank tops; shoulders must be covered.
- Clothing may not contain guns, profanity, drugs/alcohol of any sort, or offensive language.
- No hats.
- No pajamas.

Accessories

Ties, scarves, headbands, makeup, tattoos/writing on skin, jewelry, and body piercings. **All approved accessories must not be a distraction to the learning environment.**

- Ties and scarves may be worn.
- Blankets are not considered an accessory and are not allowed.
- Students are not allowed to wear bandanas or the like.
- Students may wear headbands if it is holding hair back and flat to the head.
- No hats/head coverings are to be worn in the school building during school hours unless there is administrative approval.
- Students may wear makeup.

- Tattoos must not be visible during the school day. Students may not display tattoos or temporary tattoos of any kind to include writing on any part of the skin that is visible.
- Piercings are restricted to the ear and nose. Nostril piercings only; no septum piercings.

Hair Color/Style

Extreme, eccentric, or faddish hairstyles/colors that detract from the learning environment are not permitted.

- Students may not have a hairstyle that contains vulgar or distracting images.
- Hair may only be dyed/styled in naturally occurring colors (brown, black, gray, red, blond).
- Hair may be styled with braids, cornrows, twists, or locks, so long as the style is within the following guidelines. Each braid, cornrow, twist, or lock will be of uniform dimension, have a diameter no greater than 1 inch, and present a neat appearance.
- Facial hair must present in a clean, well-groomed manner.

Physical Education

Students participating in physical education classes will be required to wear a plain/solid t-shirt and plain/solid shorts, leggings, or sweatpants. Spirit wear t-shirts will also be allowed.

- Gym shoes with non-marking soles are required.

Miscellaneous

Items not covered above but considered inappropriate, unsafe, or a distraction from the learning environment are subject to review by the administration and teachers.

General Expectations

Students are to present a clean and neat appearance. All clothing (except for approved spirit wear) will be plain/solid in color with no holes, tears, embellishments, etc.

Exceptions

School administration will on occasion allow dress code alternative days such as Dress for Success, Spirit Days, or Jeans Days. BLPA respects the diversity of its students. Administration may make exceptions to this policy based on religious or medical observances or accommodations.

Consequences for Noncompliance

- First and Second Offenses: Verbal warning, parent is notified, student gets into compliance, documented in PowerSchool.

- Third and Future Offenses: Parent is notified, student gets into compliance, documented in PowerSchool, student is assigned after-school detention. Repeated dress code violations may lead to further disciplinary action.