

Dress Code

There is much variance between Christians on the issue of proper attire. Bethany does not require uniforms. We do ask that modesty, good grooming, and common sense should guide a student's choice of dress. Teachers and administrators are often required to make judgment calls on these issues. We believe that appropriate clothing encourages responsible behavior, therefore we ask for a gracious attitude on the part of both student and parent. Please check with the school office first when in doubt concerning clothing. If a student comes to school in clothing deemed inappropriate, the school will call to have the proper clothing brought to school or the student will be sent home to change. **Absences or tardies from school caused by failure to comply with dress code standards will be considered unexcused.** Repeated offenses will be dealt with as a serious disciplinary matter and will ultimately result in the student's expulsion. The dress code applies to all school activities unless specifically modified by the administration. Parents are asked to observe our dress code when in the building. The principal may change this code at any time to adjust to appropriate/inappropriate fashion fads.

1. Shorts must be no shorter than 2" above the top of the kneecap. No biker/spandex shorts (or skintight pants) of any length can be worn unless covered to within 2" of the top of the kneecap.
2. Sleeveless shirts/blouses must have "normal" armholes (not cut in or cut low) or another shirt should be worn underneath. Straps must be 2" or wider and must cover all undergarments.
3. Skirts and dresses must reach the top of the kneecap or longer while standing upright.
4. Bare midriff (crop) tops must have another shirt underneath. If a student raises both arms in the air and skin shows then the outfit requires a shirt underneath.
5. No torn, cut, fringed or frayed jeans (beyond normal wear), shorts, or shirts can be worn. Cut-offs must be hemmed or rolled to dress code length. Students may not wear clothing that has been written or drawn on.
6. Traditional necklaces may be worn as approved by the administration.
7. Clothing must fit properly, modestly and neatly. The saggy pants look does not meet our dress code. Students are not to wear their pants in such a way that the waist or crotch is lower than where it should be worn.
8. No clothing, jewelry, symbols or accessories that are pagan, anti-Christian, or inappropriate to a Christian school are allowed. This includes all non-Christian musicians and any sort of satanic symbol.
9. All gang or secret society clothing and/or symbols are prohibited.
10. No makeup prior to grade 7--light makeup is allowed for grade 7 and up.
11. Guidelines may be adjusted for field trips. Certain association events will require us to ask boys to wear dress slacks, shirts and occasionally a tie. Girls may be asked to wear dressy skirts and blouses or dresses.
12. Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip-flop type shoes and sandals without a back strap are not allowed.
13. Hats will not be worn during school hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. except on Fridays.
14. Proper undergarments need to be worn at all times by male and female students and should not be visible.