

# Bishop Dwenger High School Dress Code

Since 1963, the dress and grooming code has been a time-honored tradition at Bishop Dwenger High School. Agreement to abide by our code is part of being a BD student. Studies have proven that students have a greater chance of remaining focused during the school day when other factors such as attire are not a competing issue. Since BD has a dress code versus a uniform, it is necessary to place restrictions on clothing. **Our goal is not that every student looks the same, but that students present themselves in a modest conservative fashion.** For more information on the dress code and dress down day guidelines, consult the student/parent handbook, found on the BD website.

**School ID:** The current school year BD issued student ID must be worn with the uniform on an approved lanyard around the neck, and above the waist. Replacement ID's can be purchased for \$5.00 in Technology. If a student loses/damages their ID, the school will make a new ID and bill \$5 to the parent/guardian.

## **Pants: Ladies & Gentlemen**

Color: Khaki (beige tones) and Navy Blue (must be a true dark, navy blue)

Style: Dress pants:

- Pleats, creases, and slightly flared bottoms are acceptable.
- No cargo, joggers (elastic at ankles), skinny, too tight/close fitting, or denim pants
- Pants must be worn at the waist. Low riders are not permitted.
- No frayed or hand cut parts, no holes. Pants must be clean.
- Pants must be hemmed and worn above the sole of the shoe. They may not drag the floor, and they may not be rolled up.
- A belt must be worn when belt loops are present. Students may not alter pants to eliminate belt loops.
- Pants are to be worn on the outside of any boots.

## **Skirts: Ladies**

The BDHS navy plaid uniform skirt is the only approved skirt. Skirt length should not be shorter than 4" above the back crease of the knee. Skirts must be worn with plain, opaque (cannot see skin tone) navy tights. No texture or designs are permitted on tights. Can be bought through the Spirit Shop.

- Students purchasing a new uniform skirt may only purchase and wear the new skirt style in navy and khaki. This skirt must be worn with opaque navy-blue tights, which are available in the Spirit Shop.

## **Earrings/Body Piercings/Tattoos: Ladies & Gentlemen**

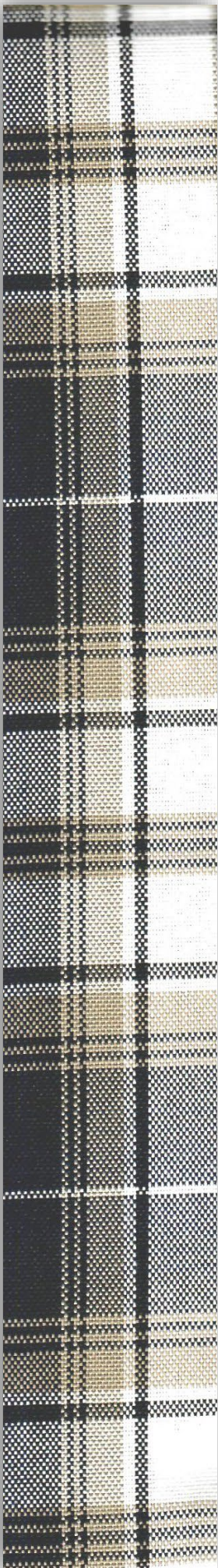
- Ladies: The number of ear piercings should be conservative.
- Gentlemen: No earrings/piercings allowed
- Both Genders: No other visible body piercing permitted, including but not limited to nose, eyebrows, lips, chin, and tongue.
  - Covering up a piercing with a band-aid, clear plug, etc. is not acceptable.
- Tattoos: No visible tattoos – including during athletic play/extracurriculars.

## **Accessories & Make-Up: Ladies & Gentlemen**

- A belt must be worn with the uniform pants.
- Hats or head coverings are not worn inside the building.
- Wallet chains are not permitted.
- An excessive amount of jewelry is not permitted.
- Scarves are not permitted unless it is a dress down or dress up day.
- Gentlemen: Suspenders are permitted in place of the required belt.
- Ladies should not wear excessive make-up or make-up in styles that are distracting
- Gentlemen are not permitted to wear make-up nor are they permitted to have painted fingernails.

## **Shirts & Ties/Bowties: Gentlemen**

- Solid colored shirts ONLY in approved colors of *white, light yellow, navy blue, light blue, gray, and black.*
- Style: Collared, plain, or buttoned down (buttons must be buttoned), dress shirt extending down the full-length of the front.



- Shirts must be tucked in at all times whether standing, sitting, or stretching arms above the head.
- Ties: Any professional color or design is appropriate. The tie should not be extreme; ties should be conservative.
- The tie is to be tied and tightened to the collar.
- Ties must be always worn during the school day except during gym class, during a lab-based class when safety is an issue (open flames), or when otherwise specified by the administration.
- On "Spirit Days" a sanctioned BDHS shirt/sweatshirt must be worn to express school "spirit." All other aspects of regular dress code remain in effect.

### **Shirts: Ladies**

- Color: *White, light yellow, navy blue, light blue, gray, and black.*
- Ladies must wear the uniform shirt purchased through the school. It may be long or short sleeved. The shirt may not be tight fitting. If it is too tight, a larger shirt will be required to be ordered. No school-issued shirt is to be altered to give a more form-fitting look. The shirt must have two of the three buttons fastened, and cleavage and undergarments may not be visible. Undergarment sleeves may not extend below the uniform shirt sleeves.
- Shirts must always remain tucked in whether standing, sitting, or stretching the arms above the head.
- On "Spirit Days" a sanctioned BDHS shirt/sweatshirt must be worn to express school "spirit." All other aspects of regular dress code remain in effect.

### **Garments / Sweaters / Sweatshirts: Ladies & Gentlemen**

- Only the BDHS approved uniform sweater/outer-garments purchased through the school may be worn.
- No jacket/fleece may be worn except for the approved uniform garments purchased through the school.
- All apparel must fit appropriately.
- The BDHS uniform shirt (polo for ladies; dress-shirt and tie for gentlemen) must always be worn under the sweater/outer-garment.

### **Shoes: Ladies & Gentlemen**

- Color: Shoes must be solid black, navy, gray, or brown dress shoes. (Sperry & Hey Dude type shoes are permitted.)
- No athletic shoes
- No canvas shoes (i.e. TOMS, Vans, Keds, Ugg Clogs, etc.) or shoes with a soft rubber sole, especially those with a wide strip of rubber where the top of the shoe meets the sole.
- Slipper style, moccasins, Uggs Tasman (clog style) shoes are not permitted.
- Laces must be tied/neat in appearance.
- For safety reasons, heels should not exceed 1" and "backless" shoes are not permitted.
- No sandals, moccasins, slippers, or open-toed shoes
- Pants must be worn outside of the shoes.
- No knee-high boots

### **Socks/Tights/Undergarments**

- Ladies: Tights: Tights must be opaque with no texture or designs and navy in color.
- Ladies & Gentlemen: Socks are to be worn and are to be paired/matched.
- For health reasons, undergarments are to be worn.

### **Grooming**

- Ladies & Gentlemen: Hair color should not be of extreme colors. A God-given color is required (although it does not have to be your God-given color). Extreme hair ornaments are not permitted. Bangs should not cover the eyes.
- Gentlemen: Hair must be cut above the shirt collar and cut so that part of the ear must be always visible. Sideburns should not extend below the lowest part of the ear. Bangs may not be longer than eyebrow level. No other facial hair is permitted. No "man-buns" or ponytails permitted. A conservative cut is expected – no mohawks, head carvings, etc.
- At no time should a student's appearance be so extreme as to attract attention or create a disturbance.

*More details on dress code, dress down day guidance, and dress code violations can be found in the full Parent-Student Handbook.*

