

**Bedford County Public Schools Student Dress Code  
(from the BCPS Code of Student Conduct)**

In order to promote an orderly and safe learning environment while preparing students for success in the world of work, dress guidelines have been established. Students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school. This means that a student's dress, grooming, and appearance, including hairstyle, jewelry, and makeup shall be safe, appropriate, and shall not disrupt or interfere with the educational process. Dress that is disruptive, distracting, revealing, or interferes with the educational process will not be acceptable. Administrators will enforce the following dress code standards.

**The Bedford County Public School Dress Code prohibits the wearing of any of the following:**

- Bedroom slippers, pajamas, or lounging pants
- Clothing or accessories that advertise, glorify, or symbolize any illegal substance, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or illegal acts
- Clothing or accessories that contain vulgar, derogatory, violent, or suggestive diagrams, pictures, words, or slogans
- Clothing or accessories with gang insignia or symbols
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, and skorts shorter than five inches (the length of an index card) above the knee cap when standing
- Exposed undergarments
- Hats, bandannas, head covers, sweatbands, sun visors, and sunglasses (unless prior arrangements are made with the principal for medical or religious reasons)
- Heavy chains worn as jewelry or belts and free swinging chains
- Heelies or footwear with wheels
- Leggings/Jeggings without a dress, skirt, or shorts
- Oversized clothing that causes sagging pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts
- Trench coats
- Pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts worn low on the hips so that undergarments or bare skin is exposed
- Revealing, immodest necklines three or more inches from the lower part of the collarbone (the width of a 3 x 5 inch index card)
- Sheer or transparent clothing
- Slits, splits, cuts, and holes in clothing shall not exceed 5 inches above the top of the knee
- Spiked jewelry, clothing, and accessories
- Strapless tops or any top with shoulder straps less than three inches (the width of a 3 x 5 inch index card) (students in grades K-4 may wear tops with straps less than three inches, but may not wear spaghetti straps)
- Tops that are cut so short that bare skin in the midriff area is exposed
- Tops with large arm holes such as tank tops, basketball jerseys, muscle shirts, mesh shirts, athletic undershirts, and cut out shirts (these types of shirts may be worn over a shirt with sleeves)
- Wallet chains that exceed six inches
- Note: Shoes must be worn at all times