

STUDENT DRESS POLICY

In order to improve the school's educational environment, promote a more effective climate for learning, foster school unity and pride, and allow students to focus solely on learning and not on attire, the school has a dress policy for students that applies to school days and school-sponsored events.

Our approach to the uniform is purposefully scaffolded, with more requirements placed on our younger students and increased responsibility for dress given to our older students.

Lower School (Grades 5 and 6) and Middle School (Grades 7 and 8)

Tops	BCCS tops including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Navy blue short or long-sleeved polo shirt with BCCS logo;● Navy blue crew or v-neck sweater, sweatshirt or fleece with BCCS logo● BCCS-sponsored swag
Bottoms	Khaki-colored dress pants, straight leg or regular fit only; Khaki-colored skirt; or <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Khaki-colored shorts (cargo style permitted), skorts, or capris may be worn in August, September, October, and following April break</i>● Pants, skirts, skorts and capris may not be made of denim. Navy blue sweatpants with BCCS logo or <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Navy blue athletic shorts with BCCS logo (with optional solid single-colored white, black, grey, or navy compression pants underneath) may be worn in August, September, October, and following April break</i>
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Loafers or lace-up style shoes, boots, flats or sneakers.● Boots that extend beyond the knee and open-toed shoes are not permitted.

High School (Grades 9-12)

Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Navy blue, light blue, or white short or long-sleeved polo shirt with BCCS logo● Navy blue crew or v-neck sweater, sweatshirt, or fleece with BCCS logo● BCCS-sponsored swag
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pants of any type● Jeans (rips can not be excessive and/or showing undergarments)● Athleisure (pajamas not allowed)● Shorts may be worn in August, September, October, and following April break
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Loafers or lace-up style shoes, boots, flats or sneakers.● Boots that extend beyond the knee and open-toed shoes are not permitted.

Please note for all grades excessively short skirts and shorts are not permitted.

Students may only wear uniform shirts purchased through College Hype. All new logo-imprinted items must be ordered through College Hype online www.customhype.com/BCCS by July 24th for delivery in August. The physical location at 540 Gallivan Boulevard (rear), Dorchester, MA 02124 will be closed for the foreseeable future due to the pandemic. If you are having difficulty please call 617-282-8883; **This is the only acceptable vendor through which to purchase school shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, and fleeces.**

Apparel purchased for BCCS sponsored clubs or sports must be approved before purchase. All apparel must meet schoolwide guidelines; these guidelines are available through the Principal. The Chief Operating Officer will review all athletic and club-sponsored purchases.

When students enter the school building, they must be in the proper uniform. Students also may not change out of their uniform before dismissal without permission from the Dean of Students. Students who attend school events at night – on school grounds or otherwise – are expected to be properly dressed adhering to the dress code, either in the school uniform or appropriately for a school setting.

Once students enter the school building, students are also prohibited from wearing any apparel that hinders identification or safety which includes but it's not limited to:

- Hats, hoods (including those on the BCCS sweatshirts), durags, bonnets, bandanas, wave and skull caps. (Exceptions will be made for documented religious or medical reasons, or identified disabilities).
- Sunglasses
- Any other dress that distracts, disrupts, intimidates, or provokes can be deemed inappropriate by the Principal or Dean of Students.

Students are allowed to wear cultural headwraps, headbands, and sweatbands.

Jewelry should be appropriate for a school setting and may not serve as a distraction or danger to others or it will be confiscated.

Students whose uniforms and dress code do not adhere to the guidelines will be given the article of clothing in question and/or asked to wear the uniform as outlined below and may receive a consequence. Repeated disregard of the dress policy will involve the Dean of Students and the student's family.