

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 with increased autonomy and responsibility for dress code adherence given to our older students.

When students enter the school building, they must be in the proper uniform or dress code adherence and must not change clothing 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. Students whose uniforms and dress code do not adhere to the guidelines will be provided an appropriate article of clothing and may receive a consequence. Repeated disregard of the dress policy will involve the Dean of Students and the student's family.

Once students enter the school building, students are also prohibited from wearing any apparel that hinders identification for safety reasons, including but not limited to:

- Headgear for all students in grades 5-8, and any headwear that covers the face for students in grades 9-12;
- Sunglasses;
- Masks that are worn for any reason other than for health protection; and
- Any other dress that distracts, disrupts, intimidates, provokes or can be deemed inappropriate by the Principal or Dean of Students.

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

Uniforms

Students may only wear uniform shirts purchased through CustomInk. All new logo-imprinted items must be ordered through our CustomInk store online at <https://stores.customink.com/bostoncollegiate>. **Note, CustomInk is the only acceptable vendor through which to purchase Boston Collegiate gear; other vendors are not approved to replicate our school brand.**

Apparel for Boston Collegiate 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.

Lower School (Grades 5 and 6) and Middle School (Grades 7 and 8)	
Tops	Boston Collegiate tops including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy blue, gray, white, or green short-sleeved shirt with Boston Collegiate logo;• Navy blue, gray, white, or green long-sleeved shirt with Boston Collegiate logo;• Navy blue or gray sweatshirt with Boston Collegiate logo

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue or gray quarter-zip pullover with Boston Collegiate logo • Navy blue full-zip jacket with Boston Collegiate logo • Former Boston Collegiate uniforms with the exception of the Boston Collegiate hoodies • Undershirts must be solid in navy, black, gray, or white <p>Fridays Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Collegiate swag or athletic gear (i.e. Student Council t-shirts, Advisory t-shirts, etc.) <p>Restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoodies are not permitted, including Boston Collegiate apparel • Tops must fully cover the abdomen and shoulders
Bottoms	<p>Solid bottoms in khaki, navy, gray, or black including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pants: regular, straight, skinny, slacks, leggings, cargo • Athletic shorts or joggers with Boston Collegiate logo (non-logo athletic bottoms not permitted) • Skirts, shorts, skorts, or capris • Navy, black, gray, or white compression pants may be worn underneath athletic bottoms <p>Restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denim is not permitted • Rips are not permitted • Bottoms must be appropriate length – fingertip • Pajama bottoms are not permitted
Headgear	Headwear that is not worn for cultural or religious purposes is not permitted.
Shoes	<p>Students should wear closed-toed shoes: loafers, lace-ups, boots, flats, sneakers, or Crocs to ensure safety of our Science and Physical Education spaces.</p> <p>Restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open-toed shoes, slides, slippers, and flip flops are not permitted

High School (Grades 9-12)

We ask students to make choices which highlight their individualism but that also reflect their ability to exercise self-control and respect and recognize time and place. We prioritize creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, which in turn fosters a positive learning atmosphere. In order to maintain this environment, the following guidelines are in place:

1. Clothing, jewelry, stickers, magnets, profile pictures, flyers, or any other items with suggestive, abusive, or inappropriate language or designs are not permitted. Language that includes put-downs or promotes hate-speech or hatred towards any group(s) is also prohibited.

2. Clothing, jewelry, stickers, magnets, profile pictures, flyers, or any other items that promote violence, drugs, pornography, sexual text/images, gang affiliation, or any other illegal activities are strictly prohibited. This includes references to alcohol, tobacco/cannabis/vapes, or any kind of weapon.

If a staff member observes something concerning a student's attire, they may address it privately with the student or request a meeting with the Dean of Students or Principal. The appropriateness of students' clothing is determined by the Boston Collegiate Administration.

Students wearing any prohibited items will be asked to change. If they do not have alternative clothing, they will be provided with Boston Collegiate attire, and the cost of the attire will be added to their student fees.

Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform Optional: uniforms are incentivized with "Pride Points" • Tops must fully cover the abdomen and shoulders
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottoms must be appropriate length – fingertip • Pajama bottoms are not permitted; it should be clearly indicated that pants are sweatpants or joggers and are not pajama-wear
Headgear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headwear (ball caps, beanies, cultural headwraps, headbands, sweatbands) is permitted provided that it does not cover the face or the identify of the individual wearing it; if at any point the head covering is worn in a way that detracts from the student's identifiability, it will not be permitted • While hoodies may be worn, students are not permitted to wear hoods within the building
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should wear closed-toed shoes: loafers, lace-ups, boots, flats, sneakers, or Crocs to ensure safety of our Science and Physical Education spaces • Open-toed shoes, slides, slippers, and flip flops are not permitted