

BETHEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

The dress code at Bethel Christian School is designed to further our mission and philosophy of education, be easy to understand, be easy to enforce, be affordable, minimize rules, and maximize values. Our desire is to instill values of modesty and to train our children to have an overall perspective that will survive the ever-changing fashion cycles.

ALL STUDENTS

- Shirts must have a collar, but may be any color or design. Logo/Emblem at top left or right of collared shirt must be smaller than palm of hand. No t-shirts or items with slogans, symbols, advertisements or messages. Shirts must not be unbuttoned lower than two buttons.
- Dress pants, khaki/navy/gray, and black can be worn. No holes, tears, patches, frays or stains. No stretchy or conforming material or styles. No denim material.
- Shorts (month of August, September and May) **must be KNEE length/hit at the KNEE for boys & girls** (khaki/navy/gray, and black.) Shorts must be “dress shorts” defined as having a zipper, button, and pockets. Draw strings are never allowed. Athletic or casual shorts are prohibited.
- No form-fitting or revealing attire is allowed. This includes leggings, jeggings and plunging necklines or see-thru material.*
- Shoes or sandals with heel straps must be worn at all times. No flip flops or slides.
- No hats, caps, or sunglasses may be worn inside the school building. Unless approved by BCS's administration.
- Tattoos that are inappropriate, profane or draw unnecessary attention to self must be covered.*
- Pants must be worn at the waist.*
- Bethel shirts are allowed every day with dress code pants/shorts/skirts. **(Shorts/skirts must be KNEE length/hit at the KNEE.)**

BOYS

- Body piercing and earrings may not be worn at school or school events.
- Hair length must be above the shoulders and out of the eyes. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural hair colors.* Hair should be neat and tidy.
- All students must be clean shaven. Make-up and painted fingernails are not allowed.
- Pants must not be form fitting.*
- Shirts should be worn at school events, on or off campus or after hours.*
- All male students will dress modestly at BCS, including school functions off campus or after hours.* Violators will be prohibited from performing or participating and will be asked to change clothes or leave the event.

GIRLS

- Make-up is allowed. It must be tasteful in color and not distracting, e.g. brights and neons.*
- Extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colors are NOT allowed.* Mixed natural hair colors are allowed, but as accents and highlights, not as unnatural patterns. Eyes should not be covered.
- Earrings are allowed. However, NO spacers, plugs, or Septum piercings are allowed. A single stud or small loop on the nostril is permissible.
- No spaghetti straps, strapless tops, cleavage revealing or see-thru attire is ever appropriate at BCS, including school functions off campus or after hours.* Violators will be prohibited from performing or participating and will be asked to change clothes or leave the event.
- K-5th grade only: Dresses allowed with shorts or leggings underneath. Must be **KNEE length/hit at the KNEE**.*
- K-12: Skirts must be **KNEE length/hit at the KNEE** (solid khaki/navy/gray, and black) with shorts underneath.*

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- The only hoodies permitted are “Bethel Wear” hoodies.
- Hoodies must not be worn with hood-up inside the building. Habitual violators of this policy will lose the privilege of wearing hoodies.
- A collared shirt must be worn underneath any outer wear, including Bethel sweatshirts. A hoodie does not have this requirement as the hood serves as a collar, though the student must have a collared shirt if they wish to remove or unzip the hoodie during the day.
- Bethel shirts can be worn everyday with dress code pants/shorts/skirts.

MONDAYS: "Christian Merchandise Day"

- Mondays are designated to be a “Christian Merchandise Day.” Any student that wants to wear Christian merchandise top is permitted, with school approved pants.

FRIDAYS: "Bethel Wear Day" - With Jeans

- Fridays are designated to be a “Bethel Wear Day.” Any school issued top is permitted, with jeans or shorts (month of August, September and May.)

CONSEQUENCES:

- Students will receive a single warning for the year for dress code mishaps. After that, a demerit will be given out. If a student breaks the modesty code* in attire, they will not be allowed to attend class until they are properly dressed. Either the parents will be asked to bring in a change of clothes, or the student will be sent home to change clothes. It will be an unexcused absence for whatever class time is missed.

**Bethel's stance on modesty is rooted in the Biblical standards of living not only for ourselves but first and foremost for Christ and others. Biblical modesty refers not only to avoiding what is sensual, which is an aspect of modesty, but goes beyond to avoiding that which calls attention to oneself in ways that elevates self and one's identity above Christ and others, at the expense of Christ or others, or that which violates the expressed and implied commands and standards of God. Modesty is an expression of humility, in which we evaluate ourselves properly and biblically and present ourselves in a way that boasts in God and considers others before ourselves. This understanding of modesty enables us to root our identity in Christ, in whom our lives are now hidden. Modesty is a pursuit of John's conviction that we must decrease while Christ increases.*

