

# **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

## **501.03 SPPS Student Dress Code Policy**

1. The principal or the principal's designee shall mandate minimum standards of cleanliness and neatness
2. Footwear is required.
3. There shall be no other restrictions, except as previously stated, on any student's hair style or manner of dress unless the hair style or manner of dress presents a clear and present danger to the student's health and safety, causes an interference with work or creates classroom or school disorder.

## **BCMS Dress Code Philosophy**

BCMS student dress code supports equitable educational access and is written in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes. **To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size.**

Our values are:

- All students should be able to dress comfortably for school and engage in the educational environment without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- All students and staff should understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal "distractions" without regulating individual students' clothing/self expression.
- Student dress code enforcement should not result in unnecessary barriers to school attendance.
- Teachers should focus on teaching without the additional and often uncomfortable burden of dress code enforcement.
- Reasons for conflict and inconsistent and/or inequitable discipline should be minimized whenever possible.
- **Our student dress code is designed to accomplish several goals:**
  - **Allow** students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable
  - **Allow** students to wear clothing that expresses their self-identified gender.
  - **Allow** students to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
  - **Prevent** students from wearing clothing or accessories with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.
  - **Prevent** students from wearing clothing or accessories that denote, suggest, display or reference alcohol, drugs, vaping, or related paraphernalia or other illegal conduct or activities.

## **Dress Code**

BCMS expects that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or for any school sponsored event. Student dress choices should respect the District's policy as well as the BCMS Dress Code.

### **1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times.**

Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples are fully covered with opaque fabric. However, cleavage should not have coverage requirements. All items listed in the "must wear" and "may wear" categories below must meet this basic principle.

### **2. Students Must Wear:**

- A **Shirt, AND**
- **Pants/jeans or the equivalent** (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress or shorts), **AND**
- **Shoes**
- A **face mask** per SPPS Board of Education mandate as of August 18, 2021.

*\*Courses that include attire as part of the curriculum (for example: science or PE) may have edits.*

### **3. Students May Wear:**

- Hats facing straight forward or straight backward. Hats must allow the face to be visible to staff, and not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff.
- Religious headwear
- Hoodie sweatshirts (wearing the hood overhead is allowed, but the face must be visible to school staff).
- Fitted pants, including opaque leggings, yoga pants and "skinny jeans"
- Pajamas
- Ripped jeans, as long as underwear and buttocks are not exposed.
- Tank tops, including spaghetti straps; halter tops
- Athletic attire
- Visible waistbands on undergarments or visible straps on undergarments worn under other clothing (as long as this is done in a way that does not violate Section 1 above).

### **4. Students Cannot Wear:**

- Violent language or images.
- Images or language depicting/suggesting drugs, alcohol, vaping or paraphernalia
- Images or language depicting/suggesting illegal item or activity
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments (visible waistbands and visible straps are allowed)
- Swimsuits.
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Any item that obscures the face (except as a religious observance or PPE).

Policy from [Oregon NOW Model Dress Code Revised 2016](#) with edits from [ETHS District 202](#), Revised 7/01/21