

Bethlehem's Dress Code

From the 26-27 Parent–Student Handbook

Parents are ultimately responsible for the appearance of their children. In all cases, parents should dress their children in a responsible fashion. The school staff has the authority to review student appearance and to deal with students who have not exercised good judgment regarding their appearance.

Tops

- Shirts may not have graphics or text larger than a 3x5 index card.
 - Graphics and text may not have any reference to drugs, alcohol, or any other offensive content.
 - No distracting patterns, i.e. camouflage, tie-die, etc.
- All official versions of Bethlehem School shirts are allowed (past and present logos).
- No hooded clothing indoors.
- No sleeveless tops at any time.

Bottoms

- No athletic pants of any kind are permitted as an outer layer, except with teacher permission for PE.
 - This includes but is not limited to sweats, gym shorts, biker shorts, leggings, windbreakers, etc.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must not be higher than three inches above the knee.
 - Dresses and skirts must have a base layer (leggings or shorts) underneath.
 - Dresses and skirts may not have slits.
- No shorts are allowed during school days after Fall Break and before April 1.

Footwear

- Footwear must be closed toed or dress sandals with a heel strap.
 - Crocs and shoes without a heel covering are not allowed.
- Closed toed shoes are required for recess and PE.
- Snow boots and rain boots are not allowed as indoor footwear.

General Appearance

- Clothing should be clean, in good condition, with no holes, rips, or excessive fraying.
- Clothing Tops and Bottoms should overlap to sufficiently cover skin.
- Hats are not allowed indoors.
- Hair must be normal hair colors.
- No visible tattoos.
- Piercings are only allowed in ears.
- No costume clothing without permission from the classroom teacher.

PE

- All students are required to keep a clean pair of gym shoes at school for play in the gym.
- 3rd – 8th grades are also required to have a set of PE clothes that they will change into for PE:
 - Gym shorts must fall within three inches of the knee.
 - A Bethlehem T-shirt.

Cold Weather Dress Code

- Outdoor clothing requirements are determined by wind-chill temperatures.
 - 60 degrees and over = no outer layer required
 - 40–59 degrees = a sweatshirt or jacket is required
 - Below 40 degrees = a winter coat is required
- Snow boots and snow pants/coat are required to play in the snow.

Bethlehem Field Trips

- All students are required to have an official Bethlehem polo for field trips. They may be purchased at a discounted rate.

Discipline Procedure for Dress Code Violations

Whenever the Dress Code is violated, the classroom teacher or administrator will notify parents that a change of clothing is necessary. The school may provide a shirt or pants to wear if it's not possible for suitable clothing to be brought. Consequences for Dress Code Violations are as follows:

- 1st Offense
 - The student walks alone at recess.
- 2nd Offense
 - The student serves an After School Detention that same day or the following school day.
- 3rd Offense
 - The student serves an After School Detention with the Administrator that same day or the following school day.
 - The Detention is followed by a Meeting with Parents and Administrator.
- 4th Offense
 - The students serves an After School Detention with the Administrator that same day or the following school day.
 - The Detention is followed by a Meeting with Parents and the School Board.