



Students at BMS will dress in a manner that is modest & appropriate.

Modest: Vocabulary.com says a person is modest if he/she is very successful but does not call attention to this. A person is modestly dressed if the clothing does not call attention to the body. Clothing that is too tight, low cut, revealing, or too short draws attention and is, therefore, not modest.

Appropriate: The Oxford dictionary defines appropriate as suitable or proper in the circumstances. Vocabulary.com says something appropriate is correct and fits the situation. An article in College Magazine points out that how a person dresses can affect his or her attitude and self-confidence. Ohio State University psychology professor, Richard Petty says: "What we know from psychology is that what you wear can affect what you think."

School is a formal setting where teaching and learning are the most important things we do. Our attention and focus are toward learning and growing as learners. Dress/grooming that distracts from teaching and learning impedes our purpose.

Dress Code

*All clothing is to be worn appropriately and in the manner for which it was designed.
Undergarments may not be visible. Specific dress code regulations are found
in the Middle School Handbook.*

General Rules

- Outer clothing which resembles loungewear, pajamas, or underwear is prohibited.
- Fads and styles in dress which differ extremely from conventionally accepted standards are prohibited.
- Any clothing that is viewed as distracting because of extremes in style, fit, color, pattern, fabric, etc., shall not be permitted. **Undergarments may not be exposed at any time.**



Specific Rules

- Blouses/shirts should be constructed so that the **top of the shoulder is covered and is fitted under the arms** (no halter tops, tank tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, or bare-shouldered tops of any type will be allowed). **Blouses/shirts which expose any portion of the waist, hips, or midriff are not allowed.** Blouses/shirts which **are not appropriate** for school include those which are **low-cut, see-through, backless, or tube tops.**
- Holes in clothing that are **excessive** in size or amount, are a distraction to the learning environment, or **allow skin to show are prohibited.** If jeans with holes above the knee are worn, they must have leggings on underneath.
- In accordance with board policy governing student conduct with regard to bullying, weapons, gangs, and drugs: clothing shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, racial, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork. This includes offensive words and designs, violence (blood, death, weapons), sex, Playboy symbols, hate groups, tobacco products, drugs, and alcohol.
- No clothing or other article may be worn or displayed which may indicate membership in a gang at school or any school function.
- Pants, shorts (for girls **AND** guys), and dresses must be **knee-length** or longer, and must have a hem. Sagging pants are not allowed and pants must be worn at the waist.
- When leggings or yoga pants are worn, a dress, shirt or skirt must be worn over the leggings. **The dress, shirt, or skirt must be at least mid-thigh in length or longer.**
- Students may not wear hoods or hats on their heads while in the building.

Accessories

- Shoes/sandals must be worn at all times. Cleated shoes are prohibited inside the building. House/bedroom slippers are not acceptable.
- **Males and females may wear earrings however students may not wear ornaments (jewelry) which pierce the skin such as the nose, lips, tongue, eyelid, etc.**
- Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas of any color, sunglasses, combs, picks, etc., inside the building.

Hair & Grooming

- Hair must be well groomed. **Only natural hair coloring is permitted.** Extreme hairstyles and fads that would interfere with the learning process, cause a disruption of the educational environment, or be a health or safety hazard are prohibited.





Yes!



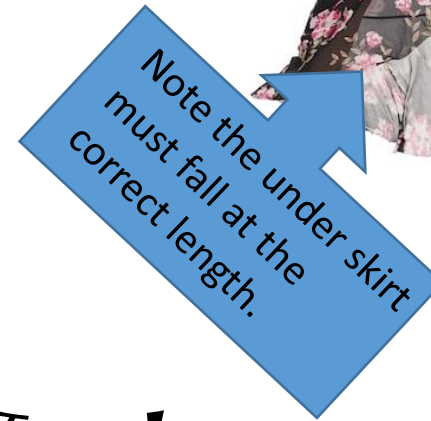
These all meet
dress code
because the
shoulder and stomach
are covered.



Yes!



These all meet dress code
because they are knee length or
longer.



Yes!

These all meet dress code because they are at least knee length.

Yes!



These leggings all meet dress code because the tops fall at mid-thigh or longer.



Yes!

These jeans meet dress code
because you cannot see any skin
through frays or holes.



Yes!

These meet
dress code
because they are
knee length.





Yes!

These shorts meet dress code as long as they are knee length and skin cannot be seen through the fabric..



Yes, **IF**...



Jeans with holes that are not excessive or frays may only be worn with leggings underneath. NO SKIN may show above the knee.





*Wearing leggings
will not make
these jeans
acceptable for
school wear.*

*These jeans DO NOT meet
dress code because the holes
are excessive.*



Leggings may only be worn with a dress/skirt/top that falls at mid-thigh or longer. Most t-shirts do not meet this requirement so t-shirts should not be worn with leggings.





These shorts DO NOT meet dress code because they are too short.



*Sweat pants, loungewear,
athletic leggings, and pajama
pants are not appropriate for
school.*

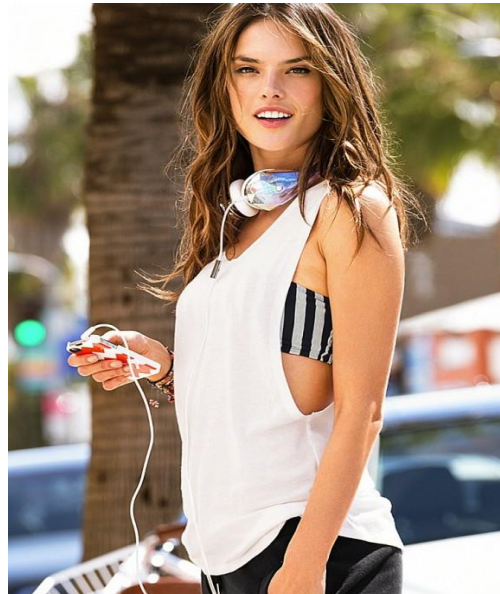




These tops do not cover the shoulder but could be worn with a cardigan or jacket. Crop tops do not meet dress code.



These tanks do not cover the shoulder. It is never appropriate for under-garments to show.





*These skirts DO NOT
meet dress code because
they are too short.
Adding leggings will
NOT meet dress code.*



These dresses DO NOT meet dress code because they are too short & do not cover the shoulder.





No bandannas of any color

You may wear a hat on designated hat days by purchasing a ticket for \$1. Proof of purchase must be visible.



**Hats
Of
Any
Kind**



- Offensive words/designs
 - suggestive
 - racial
 - violent
 - drugs/alcohol
 - tobacco products
- Gang related items
- Piercings other than ears

Shoes must be worn at all times.



No house shoes or cleats.

