

2024-2025 Briarcrest Christian Elementary Dress Code

At Briarcrest, it is our hope that our students will exemplify high standards, not only in schoolwork, but also in the areas of citizenship, leadership, and responsibility. It is the belief of the administration that the physical appearance of our students is an essential element in developing personal responsibility.

Please note the following:

- Uniforms are *required* for all students. The designated vendor for BCS is Flynn O'Hara. Uniforms are labeled with a BCS logo. (Old uniforms from Dennis Uniforms are permitted.)
- All students are *required* to wear the green knit uniform shirt for all school field trips. Exceptions must be cleared by the Principal.
- Any item of outerwear may be worn to school, but any such item entering the classroom must be from Flynn O'Hara, Dennis Uniforms, or the BCS bookstore (Saint Shop).
- Any garment worn under a shirt must be a BCS uniform item or a white undershirt.
- On Fridays, it is acceptable to wear an approved Briarcrest T-Shirt with uniform bottoms.
- The dress standards apply to school events, unless otherwise indicated by the administration.
- Shoes must be closed toe, closed heel, and flat. They must be black or brown leather, suede, or athletic shoes. Athletic shoes: All divisions will allow tennis shoes of any color. Boots and Toms shoes are not permitted. Oxfords or Wallabies are acceptable for boys or girls. Students are not to wear shoes that light up or make sounds. All shoes should be properly worn, and shoes intended to have laces may not be worn without laces or untied. All shoes should be in good condition, clean, and free of writing. Appropriateness is always at the discretion of the administration.
- Tennis shoes may not promote any messaging contrary to the missions of BCS. (i.e. be free of political leanings, promotion of specific groups, etc.)
- Visible socks are required. Colors for socks must be solid white, tan, navy, black, forest green, or grey. Socks purchased from the Saint Shop are acceptable.

For Girls:

- Girls' shirts must fit in a modest manner. No oversized or tight-fitting shirts are acceptable.
- Skorts may be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.
- Skirts may be no higher than 2 inches above the knee.
- Girls' tights or leggings must be a solid white, black, or navy without lace or other adornments.
- Girls' earrings and piercings are limited to the lower lobe of the ear.
- No extreme haircuts or color for girls are permitted. All decisions relative to the appropriateness of hair styles will be determined by the administration. Girls may not wear feathers in their hair or extreme headbands. Headbands should lay flat or have just a simple bow.

For Boys:

- Shirts for boys must be worn tucked-in, and belts must be worn (Grades 2-5).
- Boys are not allowed to wear jewelry of any type, including necklaces and bracelets.
- Boys' uniform pants and shorts may be purchased at Flynn O'Hara, The Gap, Land's End, Target, Walmart, or previously from Dennis. However, the pants or shorts must be **medium** khaki (not too light or too dark) or navy and can be flat-fronted or pleated. They should be all-cotton classic styles consistent with style and color purchased from Flynn O'Hara. No cargo pants, corduroy, or jeans-style pants are to be worn. No holes in pants or frayed hems are allowed.
- Boys' haircuts must be above the eyebrow, off the middle of ears, off the shirt collar and must not be excessively high on top. No Mohawks or other extreme haircuts or hair colors are permitted. Shaved lines, carvings or artwork cut into hair or eyebrows are not allowed. All decisions relative to the appropriateness of hair styles will be determined by the administration.

Middle & High School Dress Code 2024-2025

At Briarcrest Christian School, it is our belief that the physical appearance of our students is an essential element in developing personal responsibility. All students at BCMS will be required to wear school uniforms each day unless a special dress day has been designated. ***Dress code applies to all school events unless indicated otherwise by the administration. No dress code is all-inclusive; therefore, clothing may be deemed inappropriate at the discretion of faculty and administration. The school reserves the right to identify styles or colors of clothing as disruptive to the educational setting.***

General Guidelines: *Students should ENTER AND EXIT the building each day in dress code compliance.*

- All uniforms must be purchased from Flynn O'hara, and each will be marked with the BCS school logo.
- If any student is not in uniform, he/she will be asked to correct the offense or receive disciplinary action
- Clothing must be neat, clean, modest, hemmed, free from excessive wear, and size/length appropriate.
- Any item of outerwear may be worn to school, but any outerwear worn during the school day must be from Flynn O'hara, the Saint Shop, or an approved Briarcrest team store. No hoodies are allowed to be worn during school hours, except on Fridays.
- The length of girls' skirts and boys' shorts is their longest fingertips at their sides when shoulders are resting.
 - Skirts and shorts may not be rolled.
 - The length of skirts and shorts will be strictly enforced.
 - The first consequence will be a morning detention hall and then Saturday school. Additional consequences will be at the discretion of administration.
- Shirts for boys must be tucked in; shirts must be long enough to be tucked in. Boys: belts must be worn and should be brown or black only and completely visible (no large buckles).
- A uniform collared shirt (polos and oxfords) must be worn Monday –Thursday and visible under jackets and sweatshirts.
- Undershirts must be short sleeved, solid (no writing), and white only. No other color undershirts may be worn. No long-sleeved shirts/undershirts may be worn except BCS uniform shirts, blouses or polos.
- Tights/leggings worn under skirts must be mid-calf or longer and must be navy blue, forest green, gray or black. Flare pants, sweatpants and/or joggers are not acceptable. Girl's socks must be solid white, navy, forest green, gray or black. Tights/leggings are not appropriate attire for Spirit Days.
- Visible solid socks are required for boys. Crew length socks must be worn on chapel days. Acceptable colors for socks: navy blue, black, white, forest green, gray or khaki.
- The following shoes are acceptable for middle school students: tennis shoes, saddle oxfords, and boots worn only with pants. No Ugg boots. No boots may be worn with skirts.
- Athletic shoes: The tennis shoe may not promote any messaging contrary to the mission of BCS (i.e. be free of political leanings, promotion of specific groups, etc.). Tennis shoes may not be high heeled. No light up tennis shoes will be permitted. Appropriateness is always at the discretion of the administration.
- All shoes must be properly worn and shoes intended to have laces may not be worn without laces or untied. All shoes should be in good condition, clean, and free of writing.
- Shorts for boys may be worn year - round.
- On chapel days, females will wear a plaid skirt with fitted blouse or Oxford button down blouse. Boys will wear khaki pants (no shorts) and oxford button down shirts with the school uniform tie. Tennis shoes are acceptable on chapel days.
- On Fridays, school approved BCS t-shirts and hoodies may be worn.

The following are not acceptable:

- Writing on clothing, shoes, or body.
- Jewelry: No earrings or body piercings on males. Females: no body piercing other than the ear.
- Hats/caps/scarves/bandanas or other headgear/ sunglasses inside the building.
- Extreme types of haircuts and / or color are not permitted. Students' hair must be a natural hair color. Male students' hair must not be below the collar, touch the eyebrows, extend below the middle of the ear or be excessively high on top. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Mohawks are not permitted. Male students are not permitted to have ponytails, man buns, or beads in their hair. Shaved lines, carvings or artwork cut into hair or eyebrows are not allowed. Male students' hair cannot be tucked behind the ears or held in place by pins, hairbands or other devices. Facial hair (beards, mustaches, long sideburns) are not permitted. Male students must be clean shaven each day. Sideburns should not extend below the base of the earlobe. The administration may require a student to get a haircut at any time, even if the hair meets all listed parameters, if they consider the hair to be unruly or lacking a presentable appearance. A deadline of having a haircut will be given. Failure to meet the deadline will result in a detention. After the third detention, a Saturday school will be served.
- Clothing that is not properly sized. Form-fitting tops that reflect the imprint of undergarments are unacceptable. Pants/slacks and tops must overlap enough to avoid exposing the midriff when normal movement such as stooping, stretching, etc. occur.

- Stained, dirty and/or frayed clothing with holes or patches, regardless of design.
- Visible undergarments.
- Visible tattoos (temporary or permanent).

Boys Pants and Shorts Policy

The pants or shorts must be medium khaki (not too light or too dark) or navy and be flat-front or pleated. They must be all-cotton classic styles **consistent with style and color purchased from Flynn O'hara**. NO cargo pants, corduroy, or jeans-style pants are to be worn. NO "skinny-style" pants are to be worn. No holes in pants or frayed hems are allowed.

BCS reserves the right to determine the degree of consistency of the style and color of boys' pants in relation to the pants purchased from Flynn O'hara.

Note: All Saint Shop apparel is NOT necessarily approved for daily wear at BCS. Be certain to check regulations when making purchases.