



Student Uniform and Dress Code

At Bethany Lutheran School we desire to have students dress in a way that is modest and respectful, showing pride in their appearance. In order to accomplish these goals, Bethany has adopted a student uniform policy.

All clothing and accessories should reflect our Christian school values, and may not portray any offensive, political, or divisive messages. Students should wear clean clothing, in good condition, and appropriately sized. All clothing must be hemmed, not frayed, and without holes.

All shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks must be tucked in (this is encouraged in grades K-2 and enforced in grades 3-8).

Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the waist. If not, a belt is required. Belts must have buckles and be a solid color. No ropes, chains, hooks, suspenders, or items hanging from the student are permitted.

The following ARE NOT permitted as part of the school uniform:

- * Sweatshirts, sweatpants, and warm-ups.
- * Outdoor clothing (sunglasses, jackets, hats, etc.)
- * Visible tattoos or markings on the skin. May be covered, if needed.
- * Excessive make-up.
- * Extreme haircuts or hair color.
- * Body piercing (except earrings).
- * Extremes in personal grooming or dress.

Standard hair accessories and modest jewelry may be worn. Any personal decorations that become a distraction in the classroom will be removed to the student's backpack or locker.

Non-compliance with the student uniform policy will not be permitted.

During each quarter of school, uniform violations will be handled as follows:

1st violation – Note and/or email sent home.

2nd violation – Note and/or email sent home.

Student loses the privilege of the next free dress day.

3rd violation and beyond – Parents will be contacted. Student will remain in the office until proper attire is worn (either brought from home or from the uniform exchange).

UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS

SHIRTS

- Long sleeve or short sleeve Oxford button-down dress shirts. Solid colors only.
 - Peter Pan style collar is acceptable for girls Oxford shirts.
- Long sleeve or short sleeve polo-style shirt. Solid colors only.
 - A solid-color long sleeve shirt may be worn under a short sleeve polo shirt.
- Long sleeve turtlenecks. Solid colors only.
- No sleeveless shirts or blouses. Undergarments should not be visible through any shirts.
- Shirts may not have any logos, lettering, trim or colored edging.*

*Exception – polo shirts with the Bethany logo may be worn at any time.

SWEATERS

- Must be one solid color. No collars or hoods.
- Sweaters may be crew neck, v-neck, pullover, or cardigan.
- Sweater vests are permitted.
- Sweaters may only be worn over a uniform shirt (polo, blouse, oxford shirt, or turtleneck).
- Sweaters may not have any logos, lettering, trim or colored edging.

PANTS

- Solid navy, black, gray or khaki uniform pants.
- No colored trim, lettering or cargo pockets are permitted.
- Fabric/material should be twill, chino, or other type of standard cotton blend. No corduroy, denim, knit, leggings/jeggings, etc.

WALKING SHORTS

- Solid navy, black, gray or khaki uniform shorts.
- Shorts may be worn anytime during the year.
- Shorts must be appropriate uniform length – at fingertips or longer.
- No colored trim, lettering or cargo pockets are permitted.
- Fabric/material should be twill, chino, or other type of standard cotton blend. No corduroy, denim, knit, etc.

SKIRTS/SKORTS/JUMPERS/POLO DRESSES (GIRLS ONLY):

- Skirts/skorts/jumpers must be solid navy, black, gray or khaki. Plaid patterns must be Land's End Burgundy/Gray Plaid or Land's End Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid.
- Fabric/material should be twill, chino, or other type of standard cotton blend. No corduroy, denim, etc.
- Hems should be appropriate uniform length – at fingertips or longer.
- Polo-style dress may be any solid color. No logos, lettering, trim or colored edging.

JACKETS/SWEATSHIRTS IN THE CLASSROOM

- Fleece jackets, quarter-zip pullovers, full-zip hoodie jackets, and pullover hoodies sold by the school with the embroidered school logo on them, may be worn in the classroom as part of the school uniform. These jackets are to be worn over a uniform shirt.

SHOES

- Students should wear appropriate footwear. Boots, booties, flip flops, Croc and Birkenstock-style shoes are not allowed as part of the school uniform.
- Shoes must stay securely on feet with heels not exceeding 2" in height.
- Shoes must have heels and toes enclosed.
- Socks must be worn.
- If dress shoes are worn, athletic shoes are needed for recess and PE
- When needed, snow boots may be worn to school if other shoes are changed into for use during the school day.

TIGHTS AND LEGGINGS

- Solid colors only.
- May not be worn as uniform pants.
- May only be worn under shorts/skirts/polo dresses.

TIES/BOWTIES

- Ties/bowties may be worn as part of the school uniform. Solid colors only, and worn only with Oxford button-down shirts.

SCOUT UNIFORMS

- Scout (Class A) uniforms may be worn on scout meeting days.
- Scout t-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants are not permitted.

GAME DAY ATTIRE

- Students participating in Bethany's sports program may dress up for school on game days (game that evening or the following morning). The following guidelines should be followed:
- Girls:
 - A dress, skirt or nice pants are appropriate. No shorts. No denim jeans.
 - Skirts/dresses must be at least fingertip length (when standing with arms at sides)
 - No spaghetti straps – or can be covered with a sweater/top
 - No flip flops, Croc or Birkenstock-style shoes
- Boys:
 - A dress shirt and dress pants are appropriate. A tie is encouraged with the dress shirt.
 - Sweaters and other nice shirts are fine, as well. No shorts. No denim jeans.
- Anyone wearing boots or dress shoes for game-day dress up should bring tennis shoes/socks to use for recess/PE.

PE CLOTHING

- Students in grades 5 and up wear a PE uniform purchased through the school.

FIELD TRIP ATTIRE

- Students on field trips should wear their regular school uniform or Bethany Lutheran School Spirit Wear. Spirit Wear is any T-shirt, sweatshirt or polo with Bethany's name/logo/design on it. Spirit Wear is sold annually by the school. Teachers designate the clothing appropriate for each field trip.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

A school uniform exchange is available and is coordinated by the Parent Teacher League. Parents can donate out-grown uniforms in good condition for others to have. No fees are charged.

FREE DRESS DAY

The following guidelines apply to Free Dress Days:

- All clothing and accessories should reflect our Christian school values, and may not portray any offensive, political, or divisive messages.
- Shorts and skirts must be appropriate length for school. Students should be able to comfortably walk up and down the stairs, and sit in all chairs and desks, and remain adequately covered.
- No cosplay attire (costumes, accessories, wigs, props, hats, etc.)
- If leggings are worn, they must be of an appropriately thick material, 100% opaque (not see-through), and worn with a top that extends decently past the waistline.
- Socks must be worn with shoes. No flip flops, Crocs or Birkenstock-style shoes.
- Boots/booties may be worn on free dress days. Athletic shoes for recess/PE must be brought for use during those times.
- Pants must be worn at the waist. No pajama pants.
- Undergarments must not be visible. No spaghetti-strap tops.
- Outdoor gear (coats, hats, sunglasses, etc.) should not be worn in the classroom.

All attire will be subject to the approval of the principal.