

**Bethany Lutheran School**  
**Uniform Dress Code**

*(Approved by the Board of Schools-Spring 2016-Last updated April 2023)*

**Bethany's uniform dress code:**

- Encourages a sense of unity and belonging.
- Defines and provides guidance for modest and non-distracting student appearance.
- Reduces clothing-related conflict and stress within students' homes, at school and among peers.
- Promotes a positive image to our congregation, community and potential new students/families.
- Teaches students that people dress differently in different settings, i.e. adults dress differently for work than for lounging at home.
- Promotes a school climate conducive to the educational process.

**Uniform Dress-Girls**

**Bottoms:**

- Solid khaki, black or navy skirts, capris, skorts, shorts, jumpers or pants.

Please note: Leggings are not pants and should not be worn as "pants," but it can be difficult to distinguish between the two. Therefore we ask that any clothing being worn as "pants" have back pockets.

- Plaid jumpers or skirts in Bethany's designated plaid from the Vicki Marsha company only.
- Please note:
  - The hem of all shorts, skirts or jumpers, etc. must be at least fingertip length.
  - Solid color tights, leggings or "bike shorts" (red, white, black or navy blue) may be worn under skirts, jumpers, etc.
  - No sweatpants, warmups, or blue jeans.

**Tops:**

- BLS logo shirt (available from Vicki Marsha)
- Solid colored, long or short-sleeved polos or polo dresses (red, white, or navy blue) or white oxford/peter-pan collared shirts (long- or short-sleeved)
- Solid-colored (red, white, navy blue or black) cardigans or sweatshirts, or sweatshirts with BLS logo/spirit/camp wear may be worn over uniform clothing inside the classroom.
- Please note:
  - No sleeveless shirts.
  - Midriff may not show when arms are raised.
  - No logos, stripes or designs with the exception of BLS logos/spirit wear.

## Uniform Dress-Boys

### Bottoms:

- Solid khaki, black or navy shorts or pants.
- Please note:
  - No sweatpants, warmups, or blue jeans.

### Tops:

- BLS logo shirt (*Available from Vicki Marsha.*)
- Solid colored, long or short-sleeved polos or solid colored oxford/dress shirts in red, white, or navy blue. Solid colored (red, white, navy blue or black) cardigans, v-neck sweaters or sweatshirts, or sweatshirts with BLS logo/spirit/camp wear may be worn over uniform clothing inside the classroom.
- Please note:
  - No sleeveless shirts.
  - No logos, stripes or designs with the exception of BLS logos.

### Additional Guidelines:

- Hair must be neat, clean and well-groomed. Extremes in style are to be avoided. Hair coloring, dyeing, or bleaching is not permitted.
- Bare feet, flip-flops, clogs, sandals without back straps, plastic shoes, or roller shoes are not permitted. Socks must be worn and shoes must be tied at all times. Knee socks must be solid-color red, white, black, or navy blue.
- All shorts and skirts must be worn at the waist.
- Holes, rips or tears in clothing are not permitted.
- Undergarments may not be visible.
- Earrings may not exceed the diameter of a quarter.
- Excessive make-up is not permitted.
- Hats/caps may not be worn in any building.
- Tattoos and piercings (other than ears) are not permitted.
- Sleeveless shirts may be worn on uniform-free days, but straps must be four fingers wide (the wearer's fingers)
- Please note:
  - All students will wear their BLS logo shirt or sweaters/vests on Wednesdays/chapel days.
  - Occasional "uniform-free" days may be scheduled by the administration. The additional guidelines listed above still apply.
  - School administration and teachers reserve the right to make judgments regarding dress code compliance.
  - Students who choose to violate the school's uniform dress policy may be asked to change into approved "loaner" clothing at school or parents may be called to bring appropriate clothing to school.