

DRESS CODE --

The School Board of the Bethel Public Schools recognizes the right of students to express themselves in their manner of dress. Students have the right to choose their own grooming and clothing styles, provided that such apparel is not disruptive to learning or discipline. Further community standards of health and safety shall not be violated nor shall the style of dress disrupt the learning climate of the school. Any public display of nudity or grooming, or dress which interferes with education will be corrected immediately. Any act or condition that is disruptive to the learning process of the students will not be tolerated. Clothing which bears any message that is considered to be obscene, disrespectful of country, school or religion, is associated with gangs or gang related activities, or advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or other controlled substances shall be deemed inappropriate.

Students **may not wear jewelry or other objects in pierced body parts**, other than normal size ear rings in the ears. (This includes nose rings, tongue rings, gauges and/or plugs.) Said dress code is to be obeyed at school and/or while taking part in **any school sponsored activity. This includes commencement/graduation ceremonies.**

Any students who violate the dress code will be required to change their attire before they continue classes. Failure to observe the dress code of the Bethel Public School District will result in the following disciplinary actions:

First violation: There will be a conference with the student, teacher, and principal. The student will also be asked to change clothes.

Second violation: There will be a conference with the student, the student's parents, the teacher and the principal. The student will also be asked to change clothes.

Third violation: Suspension

Seniors who do not follow the dress code during commencement ceremonies will not be allowed to walk until the inappropriate dress problem has been rectified.

Note: Further clarifications concerning dress code –

- No “crop tops” or low riding pants – **shirts and blouses must cover the stomach completely.**
- No tank tops - the top of a sleeveless shirt must be at least the width of a dollar bill.
- Sleeveless shirts and tank tops must not be combined to equal the width of a dollar bill – the top of your main shirt must be at least the width of a dollar bill.
- No racer back shirts without an undershirt.
- No halter tops.
- No spaghetti strap shirts without an undershirt.
- All shirts should cover your undergarments completely.
- Tights and leggings are not intended to be worn as a stand-alone garment. They must be worn with shorts, skirts, or dresses that meet dress code length.
- No “Armhole cutout” shirts.
- No low cut blouses or shirts.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses may not be any shorter than the vertical length of a dollar bill from the top of the knee to the hem of the garment **all the way around the garment.**
- **No Athletic shorts.**
- If “running” shorts are worn, they must be long enough for the dollar bill measurement to work all the way around.
- No bandanas of any color.
- Hats, caps, stocking caps, and hoodies are to be removed when you enter the building and remain off while you are in the building.
- Tights or leggings must be worn under all jeans with open or frayed holes **above the knees.** Without them, NO holes are allowed above the knees.

We have a fairly liberal dress code – please abide by these rules and guidelines – the alternative to dress code violations is the establishments of a school uniform. If you are not sure about an article of clothing, ask before you wear it to school.

Please sign and have your student sign verifying **you have both read and understand our dress code.**

(Parent/Guardian Print name)

(Student Print name)

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Student signature)