



BEACON HILL CLASSICAL ACADEMY

2024 - 2025 Upper Campus Dress Code (All Upper Campus Students)

Beacon Hill Classical Academy believes that uniforms play an important role in promoting a culture conducive to cultivating virtuous scholars and followers of Christ. Uniforms prevent the application of subjective standards of dress in the classroom. Furthermore, uniforms encourage our students to see themselves as part of a larger learning community. By removing distractions, students can focus on the vocation that God has given them in their current season of life — namely, learning. Finally, as we seek to cultivate an environment where we teach young men and young women to joyfully obey their parents and God-ordained authorities, we believe that enforcing a dress code becomes a matter of discipleship.

In many respects the uniform is the face of BHCA. All clothes and shoes should be well fitted and clean. Uniforms should not have holes, tears, or frayed hems. *The most basic version of the Upper Campus uniform is a polo shirt or button down shirt with an embroidered BHCA crest, and chino pants.*

Vendors and Purchasing

All uniform items can be ordered from Land's End:

- Go to www.landsend.com - SCHOOL - Shop by School - BHCA school number is: **900134438**
- Enter your gender and grade to see the approved uniform items

Upper Campus Dress Code

Boys and Girls Shirts

- Polo or Button-down shirts bearing the BHCA Crest are standard uniform dress on all days except Spirit Wear days.
 - Shirts are to be Navy Blue, Light Blue, Gray or White.
 - Long and short sleeves are acceptable.
 - Button-down shirts are to remain tucked in at all times.
 - Visible undershirts are to be Navy Blue, Light Blue, Gray or White.
 - Hoodies or crewneck sweatshirts may not be worn under a school polo or button down shirt.
 - *All shirts must be purchased through Land's End and display the BHCA crest.*
 - (Older style "BHCA" logo polos are acceptable)

Boys and Girls Pants

- Chino style regular or slim fit pants (may not be baggy, skinny, or tight-fitted)
 - Solid Black, Navy Blue, Khaki or Gray are acceptable.
 - Jeans, Sweatpants, Pajama, Leggings, Jeggings, Cargo pockets, Corduroy, and Carpenter/Utility style pants are not acceptable.
 - In addition to Land's End, good options for Dress Code approved chino pants and shorts can be found at Old Navy, Target, Gap, Walmart, and Banana Republic.

Boys and Girls Shorts or Capris

- Chino style, knee length, tailored, or regular fit
 - Solid Black, Navy Blue, Khaki or Gray are acceptable.
 - Athletic, Jean shorts, Baggy shorts, and cargo pockets are not acceptable.

Girls Uniform Skirts

- Only school-approved styles from Land's End are acceptable.
 - Skirts must be Navy Blue, Khaki, Gray or Plaid.
 - Skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee in both the front and back.
 - Girls must wear shorts (bike shorts) or leggings (ankle or knee length) under skirts; these must be solid color and may be black, navy blue, or white.

Socks, Shoes, and Belts

- Shoes must be closed-toed and worn at all times on campus.
 - Slides, Mules, Clogs, Uggs, Crocs, and slipper style shoes are not acceptable.
- Socks must be worn at all times.
 - Sock color & style should be non-distracting.
- Boys' belts are required when wearing a tucked in button-down shirt and must be black, navy blue, or brown.

Upper Campus Outerwear

Jackets, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts

- Only items from BHCA or Land's End are acceptable.
- BHCA crested Polo shirts or Button down shirts must be worn underneath outerwear on all days except Spirit Wear days.
- All outerwear must bear a BHCA name, BHCA logo, or BHCA crest.
- BHCA sweatshirts are considered outerwear and may be worn every day.
 - Sweatshirt hoods are not to be worn inside.
- Non-BHCA outerwear, including sweatshirts, is not permitted at any time.

Rainy Weather Exception

- Students may wear rainy weather outerwear without a BHCA crest or logo outside school buildings on rainy days.
- Outerwear worn inside any buildings must bear the BHCA logo or BHCA crest.

Grooming and Appearance

- Overall personal appearance and hygiene should be moderate and appropriate.
- Hair may only be natural colors. Hair should be well groomed. Styles of hair should not be extreme or distracting.
 - For boys, mohawks, ponytails, or buns are not permitted. Facial hair should be kept neat in accordance with administration directives.
 - For girls, partially shaved heads or other extreme designs are not permitted.
- Make-up and nail polish should be minimal and non-distracting.
- Tattoos are not to be displayed.

Hats, Jewelry, and other accessories

- Hats (including BHCA hats) are not acceptable on campus during school hours.
- Jewelry should be kept at a minimum and be non-distracting.

- Piercing:
 - Girls may have pierced ears with small, non-distracting earrings.
 - Boys may not wear earrings.
 - Visible body piercing is not allowed (including nose, septum, eyebrow and tongue piercing).
- Headbands and hair accessories are to be solid gray, navy, light blue, or white.
 - These should be non distracting: no sparkles, sequins, feathers, cat ears etc.
- Any accessory or article of jewelry that displays an offensive quality or slogan is not permitted.

Spirit Wear

- On specific days, students may wear Spirit Wear tops in lieu of the standard uniform top.
- Spirit Wear is tops purchased or received from the school bearing BHCA graphics (including House wear) and tops purchased from our athletic wear vendor.
- Spirit Wear days are the last Friday of every month.
 - In some cases the last Friday of the month may fall early if students will not be present on the last calendar Friday (e.g. December).
- Regular uniform pants/shorts/skirts may be worn. In addition, jeans with no rips, tears, or frayed hems may be worn on Spirit Wear Fridays.
- Athletic shorts or leggings may not be worn.
- Every Monday, students may wear a spirit wear shirt with regular uniform pants/shorts/skirts. (Please Note: Jeans are only allowed on Spirit Wear Fridays, not on Mondays.)

Athletic Team Jerseys

- Student athletes may wear their BHCA team sports jerseys to school on days corresponding to a home game or playoff game.

Free Dress

- On specially designated days, or via use of a “Free Dress Pass”, students may wear non-BHCA uniform attire.
- Attire must reflect the values and virtues of Beacon Hill. Please adhere to standards of what is modest and appropriate.
- Permitted:
 - Jeans with no rips, tears, or frayed hems
 - Knee-length shorts
 - Hats (but must be removed inside buildings)
- Not Permitted:
 - Pajamas (pajama pants or onesies)
 - Leggings/Tights/Jeggings/etc.
 - Skirts shorter than two inches above the knee front and back.
 - Open-toed shoes, flip flops, uggs, or slippers
 - Offensive or inappropriate slogans/language/references

Rhetoric School House Wear

- On days when the Rhetoric Houses meet, Rhetoric students may wear tops and outerwear bearing the name of their House.
- House wear is acceptable as Spirit Wear, but Spirit Wear not bearing the name of a Rhetoric House is *not* House Wear.

Aside from the schedule stated above, Administration may specify days on which Spirit Wear, House wear, and BHCA team sports clothing items may be worn.

Rules and Violation Procedures

Dress code guidelines are to be followed at all times, including school-sanctioned field trips and events, unless administration gives permission otherwise. While dress code standards are not mandatory at athletic events, students are expected to represent themselves, the school, and Christ well at all times.

Administrators, teachers, and auxiliium are arbitrators in keeping the students dress up to code. Senior Administration is the final arbitrator of whether a student is in compliance with the intent of the uniform policy and code.

When a student violates the dress code the following actions will be taken:

- First Violation - a paper notification will be given and recorded in the discipline log. The student will bring the notification home for a parent signature which must be returned on the following school day. Failure to return the signed dress code notification will result in a lunch detention.
- Second Violation - a paper notification will be given and recorded in the student's discipline log. The student will bring this home for a parent signature which must be returned on the following school day. The student will be assigned to serve a lunch detention.
- Third Violation - a third notification will be given which must be returned with parent signature on the following school day. Parents will be called and asked to bring a change of clothing if the violation may not be easily rectified. The student will be assigned to serve a lunch detention.
- Excessive or ongoing violations - Parents will be called and asked to bring in the correct uniform before the student is allowed to continue school for that day. Absences due to uniform violations will not be excused and students will be expected to communicate with their teacher(s) to receive class work.
 - Parents will be asked to participate in a short disciplinary conference with Senior Administration.
 - Participation in extracurricular activities (including athletics and school-sponsored events) will be suspended for continued failure compliance with the dress code.