

We believe that well dressed and neatly groomed students increase student morale and positive attitudes throughout the school. The basis for Belleville Mennonite School's policy rests on the following Christian principles. (1) Our bodies are temples of God (I Corinthians 6:18-20), (2) dress should be modest and consistent with a Christian commitment (I Timothy 2:9,10) and (3) clothing choice reflects good stewardship of resources. The following guidelines are a reflection of the standards of the Christian patron body and considered appropriate campus attire.

### 1. Attire Guidelines for Boys

- Clean pants or jeans without holes in good repair. (Wind pants are acceptable)
- Knee-length shorts during months designated by administration. (Shorts prohibited November 1- March 31)
- Clean and appropriately sized shirts.
- Footwear is to be worn at all times.
- Tattoos must be covered at all times, even during sports and other extra-curricular activities.

### 2. Attire Guidelines for Girls

- Modest dresses, skirts and split skirts that resemble a full skirt; gauchos and loose fitting capris are acceptable. Skirts and dresses need to be such as are considered modest during movement and activity in the classroom.
- Gauchos, loose fitting capris, and knee-length shorts during months designated by administration (Gauchos, capris, and shorts prohibited November 1 – March 31)
- Clean pants or jeans without holes and in good repair.
- Leggings may be worn under tops that are mid-thigh length or longer.
- Tops and blouses of sufficient length and neckline that is considered modest during normal movement and activity in the classroom.
- Footwear is to be worn at all times.
- Tattoos must be covered at all times, even during sports and other extra-curricular activities.

### 3. Inappropriate Attire (Prohibited)

- Piercings, other than earrings, for girls
- Piercings for boys
- Midriffs visible during normal movement and activity throughout the school day both in and out of the classroom.
- Sleeveless tops, tank or crop tops, sheer, tight or revealing garments.
- Mid-thigh skirts or dresses (seated or standing) or mini-skirts.
- Sweat pants or stretch pants (grades 1-12).
- Camouflaged and military type clothing or insignia.
- Shirts with graphics depicting sports or music hero or anything that undermines basic Christian values.

#### 4. Policy for Dress Code Violations

- Teachers make note of any violations of the dress code and report it to the school principal
- The principal or designated faculty member will call the parent and notify them of the violation.
- The school will supply the student with a change of attire, if possible. This will be worn until the parent can bring another change of attire that fits the dress code.
- A demerit will be issued for repeated violations of the dress code.

Parental controls are to be exercised at home in accordance with these guidelines. The school reserves the right to consider inappropriate any clothing, hair styles or apparel that draws undue attention and is not supportive of the learning environment or Biblical teaching.

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