

SCHOOL DRESS AND GROOMING CODE

Regular School

Briarwood Academy is committed to providing a safe, friendly learning environment for its students. Personal appearance is not only a reflection of the individual student, but also of the general learning environment. Therefore, students have the responsibility to wear clothing that projects a positive attitude of pride in self, school and the community. Students are required to wear appropriate, comfortable and safe clothing that is neat, clean and in good taste. Any student wearing clothing that is likely to be a distraction for other students, cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school, or violate health and safety standards of the school, will be in violation of the school's dress code. Briarwood Academy views the Dress Code as a serious issue and expects parents to promote the observance of this policy. Building administrators have the final decision as to the appropriateness of all clothing and attire. Following are guidelines for students:

1. Vulgar, illegal (including alcohol, drugs, tobacco) and/or sexually oriented statements or suggestions on clothing are not permitted. Any dress or statement that may cause a hostile, intimidating, degrading, offensive, harassing or discriminatory environment is prohibited.
2. Hats (or other head coverings) and sunglasses will not be permitted to be worn inside the school building unless approved by a principal, a physician and/or the school nurse.
3. Chains and/or studded accessories are prohibited and will be confiscated until the end of the school year. Accessories that increase a student's risk for accidents are not permitted.
4. Shorts and skirts will have hems and will be no shorter than the width of a dollar bill (approximately 2 ½ inches) above the knee.
5. See-through clothing and clothing that has excessive rips, tears or holes is not permitted. Also low cut blouses which shows any cleavage is not allowed. All undergarments are to be covered.
6. Oversized clothing, which compromises the safety of students, is not permitted.
7. Appropriate and safe shoes or sandals will be worn at all times. Rolling shoes are not allowed.
8. Sleeveless dress shirts are acceptable for females however the shoulder must be completely covered. No tank tops, mesh shirts, halter-tops, strapless tops, or spaghetti straps can be worn without an over-blouse covering the top.
9. All students are expected to keep their hair neat and well groomed. Extreme hair styles will not be allowed.
10. Males will not allow their hair to come over their collar, cover their eyes, cover their ears, or tie their hair up in any way.
11. Beards or mustaches will not be allowed. Males are to be cleanly shaven at all times, and sideburns shall not extend below the earlobe. Failure to observe these guidelines will result in the student buying a razor from the office and shaving at school. Continual non-compliance will result in parental notification and / or the student being sent home for the remainder of the day.

12. Visible body piercings other than earrings for females are not permitted. Visible tattoos are also not permitted.
13. Males are to have their shirts “tucked in” at all times. Belts must be buckled and through belt loops in pants if the pants have belt loops. Females must have their shirt tucked in if the shirt tail hangs below the wrist while standing.
14. At no time will undergarments show.

Failure to comply with the Dress Code guidelines is considered to be an insubordinate act and will be treated as such. Following are the procedures for violations of the high school Dress Code:

1. **First Offense:** The student will be sent to the Main Office. Parents will be contacted and student will change clothes or will be sent home to change his/her clothes. Inappropriate accessories will be confiscated. If the student is sent home, this absence will be treated as an unexcused absence.
2. **Second Offense:** Same as 1st offense. In addition, the student may be assigned to detention as deemed appropriate by the school Principal.
3. **Third Offense:** Same as 1st and 2nd offense. In addition, the student may be assigned to Extended Detention or Saturday School.

Further Offenses: The student may be suspended from school.

PE/Sports Dress Code

Physical Education is a required class at Briarwood Academy. Proper attire for PE is required. All middle school students will be required to wear the mandatory PE uniform as designed by our athletic director and coaches. Middle school students should see the Athletic Director and/or PE Director to complete forms for our middle school PE uniforms. Shoes and clothing worn for physical education for the elementary classes should adhere to the dress code. Decisions on what may be deemed “appropriate” for athletic practices will be left up to the school principal, guidance counselor, athletic director, or coach.