

**Belle Creek Charter School**  
**Dress Code**  
**August 2014**

BCCS's uniform policy has been established to help facilitate the education of our students, to ensure their safety, and to allow parity among them. This policy will be reviewed and updated as deemed necessary by the administration. Approved uniform vendors are listed on our website.

**Shirts, Sweatshirts, Sweaters**

Shirts, sweatshirts and sweaters must be a solid color of hunter green, navy blue, gray or white and must have the Belle Creek logo embroidered on the upper left of the shirt. Shirts may be either polo or a crew neck t-shirt. Crew neck sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn. If v-neck sweater is worn an approved uniform shirt must be worn underneath. Shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters must be free from holes and tears and must not be excessively tight or baggy. Hooded sweatshirts/sweaters may not be worn in the building.

**Pants, Skirts, Shorts**

Pants must be a solid color of khaki (tan) or navy blue and have a flat or pleated front (no painter's pants or cargo pants are allowed). Pants must fit the waistline and not sag in the crotch. The cuff of the pants must be hemmed and may not touch the ground. Pants may not be so large that the shoelaces cannot be seen. Pants may not be excessively tight – may not show any descriptive lines of the body.

Leggings may not be worn as pants. Pants or shorts with exterior side pockets may not be worn. Sweatpants and nylon warm-ups are not allowed. No logos on any pants. No denim. No holes or tears.

Shorts and skirts must be a solid color of khaki (tan) or navy blue and free of logos. Shorts must fit at the waistline and not sag in the crotch. No denim. No holes or tears. The cuff of the shorts must be hemmed and must be knee length or longer. Skirts must be knee length or longer but may not touch the ground. Spandex or tightly fitting shorts/pants or skirts are not allowed.

School sponsored activities, including band and choir, and special events may have specific guidelines concerning appropriate dress.

**Standard Appearance Guidelines for All Students**

All articles of clothing should appear neat, clean and in good condition and repair.

Clothing will not be worn that causes or is likely to cause disruption of the educational process.

Apparel advertising tobacco, alcohol, illegal substances, and/or offensive slogans are not acceptable attire at school-sponsored activities. Clothes making statements with sexual innuendoes are not allowed.

The wearing of clothing, jewelry or a style of grooming that is identified with membership in a gang will not be tolerated in school or at any school sponsored activity. Apparel that interferes with or endangers self or others while participating in school or school sponsored activities is not allowed.

Hats or sunglasses may only be worn or seen before or after school hours. No hats or sunglasses in class. Hats include visors, scarves and bandannas. Purses or handbags may only be seen before or after school hours. No purses or handbags in class.

Outerwear and boots that are worn for warmth to and from school and at outside recess cannot be worn in the classroom.

Shoes must be as specified and in a matching pair and are required at all times and must have non-marking soles. No beach shoes. No Crocs. No shoes with wheels. Open toed shoes and open heeled shoes can be a danger hazard. Based on this fact, these shoes are not to be worn to school. To receive an exemption regarding footwear, the student must present a signed letter from a medical doctor.

**Socks/tights must match and be a solid uniform color (navy, white, khaki, hunter green, gray).**

Belts are not required, but if worn, must be functional and belt ends are to be no longer than 6" and tucked in. Buckles shall be plain and belts should be in a basic color (black, brown, or navy). Belts with prints, designs, beaded gemstones will be not be allowed.

No undergarments may show at any time, nor should they be worn as outer garments. Undershirts are only acceptable if worn under the appropriate dress code shirt.

Hair must be clean, neat and styled traditionally. Only natural colors are allowed. No radical hairstyles, including but not limited to Mohawks and designs cut into hair. **The final decision rests with the administration.**

Makeup must look natural. Black nail polish and lipstick are not acceptable.

Modest jewelry is allowed. An object that has a purpose other than jewelry cannot be worn as jewelry (i.e. bicycle chains or collars). No more than two necklaces may be worn at one time. Earrings will be limited to two per ear and may not pose a safety hazard (no dangling or hoop style). No more than two bracelets may be worn at one time. Sweatbands may not be worn.

Tattoos must be covered at all times. Jewelry may not be worn in a piercing besides the ear. No body art defined as drawing on the skin made by the student with a writing utensil.

**Final decisions with respect to the dress code are made at the discretion of the Principal, or his/her designee, including items not specifically referred to in the above policy but are considered inappropriate, unsafe or a distraction from the learning environment. The Principal or his/her designee must approve any exception to this code due to a medical or religious reason.**

**Compliance with the dress code is mandatory. Dress Code violations will be dealt with in the following manner:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> -Student will call parent to bring change of clothes or be picked up. When in violation of the dress code, student will not be allowed back into the classroom.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -A Student will call parent to bring change of clothes or be picked up and an after school detention
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -1 day suspension.