

## **Middle School Dress Code: Bonner and Westwood**

**For 2018-2019 the middle school dress code will be enforced according to the following school policies.**

Our dress code is designed to support a climate where learning and academic achievement are the focus. It is based on comfort, appropriateness, modesty, safety, and affordability. Students are expected to comply with the dress code at all times except during Physical Education classes. No apparel, dress, or grooming that is disruptive to the classroom atmosphere or educational process will be permitted. No over-sized clothing may be worn. Bandanas may not be brought or worn on campus. In any case where there is a question about the applicability or appropriateness of dress, the judgment and decision of the administration shall prevail. Clothing without logos is preferred, if logos are visible, these logos are to be small and discreet.

**Shirts:** Students are to wear shirts in the following colors: Grade 6 color is red, Grade 7 color is green, and the Grade 8 color is blue. Any solid color shirt, turtleneck, or collared shirt with long or short sleeves may be worn. Shirt tails must be tucked into the pants, shorts, or skirt at all times. Shirts are to be sized so that the sleeve seam rides on the shoulder. Jean jackets constitute light outerwear, not collared shirts. Athletic wear, including athletic suits, are not acceptable. Shirts are not to bear slogans, graphics or messages. Manufacturer logos, if present, are to be small and discreet. When desirable, undershirts in solid colors of short or long sleeves may be worn and when worn must be worn under the polo or collared shirt. Students must wear shirts that comply with the dress code with or without light outerware in the classroom.

**Pants:** Black, blue, brown, solid color, or khaki twill, chino, corduroy, jean, or dress pants may be worn. Cargo, cammo, leggings, jeggings, and athletic pants are not acceptable. Styles that are tight-fitting, that are over-sized that sag, or that include holes are not acceptable. Decorative stitching on and around pockets and hems is acceptable, however, pants are not to bear slogans, pictures, or messages. Manufacturer logos, if present, are to be small and discreet.

**Shorts or Skirts:** Black, navy, solid color, jean or khaki clothes that extend below the reach of the finger tips while standing at attention are acceptable. Cargo shorts are not acceptable. Skirts may not have a split above the knee. Tight-fitting styles are not acceptable. Black, navy or khaki Capri pants are acceptable provided these are not tight-fitting. Clothes are not to bear slogans, graphics, or messages. Logos, if present, are to be small and discreet.

**Shoes and socks:** Shoes must be worn at all times. No sandal, slipper, bedroom shoe, or beachwear is appropriate. Athletic shoes with socks are to be worn to school on days when the student is scheduled for physical education class. Shoes are not to be changed during the day for P.E.

**Belts:** Belts are to be worn with any pants, skirts, or shorts designed with belt loops (removing belt loops is not acceptable.)

**Outerwear:** Coats and all such outerwear must be stored in the locker during the school day. Light outerwear may be worn in classrooms during the day. "Light" outerwear includes thin nylon windbreakers, fleece, hoodies, and sweatshirts of waist-hip length. Light outerwear worn in classrooms must be solid in a color appropriate to the grade level without slogans, graphics, or messages. Students must wear shirts that comply with the dress code with or without light outerware in the classroom. Light outerwear may not portray images that suggest drinking, smoking, gambling, gang activity, physical attraction, dating, or flirtations.

**Jewelry:** Any personal jewelry or fashion accessory that is a safety hazard or that is a distraction to the learning environment will not be permitted. Chains represent a safety hazard.

**Headgear:** No headgear is permitted inside the building for male or female students. Headgear includes, but is not limited to, headbands, headwraps, wave caps, turbans, scarves, kerchiefs, caps, hats, and hoodies. Minimalist hairclips, clamps, and elastics may be worn.

**Special days:** The administration may designate special days as out-of-dress code days. On these days, clothing will be worn that is appropriate for the school environment. After consulting with the school administration, coaches, club advisors, and directors of school programs may modify the school dress code on particular occasions. Jerseys, organizational T-shirts, and uniform parts must be tucked into the pants. Examples include: members of the school band wear their uniform on concert day, or members of the football team wear their official school jersey on game day.