

Bishop Kelly Dress Code Policy

2009-2010

Philosophy: The purpose of the dress code policy is to contribute to the academic atmosphere of the school, to give students a sense of equality, and to lend dignity and modesty to both the individual and the school, while providing a sense of school unity and identity. The intent of this policy is to provide general guidelines for students, parents, and faculty so that expectations are clear.

General Dress Code: All clothing articles should be modest, well-kept, clean, neat and should fit appropriately reflecting Bishop Kelly's Core Beliefs. Denim, Camouflage, and athletic attire are prohibited.

Pants - Dress slacks, business casual, khaki style, or cargo pants are acceptable and must be worn at the waist.

Belts - Belts must be worn with pants/shorts that have belt loops.

Shorts - Walking or cargo shorts may be worn and must extend past mid-thigh.

Skirts/Skorts/Dresses - Skirts/Skorts (with or without leggings) may be worn by female students and must always extend to the top of the knee when standing up straight. Dresses must have sleeves, extend to the top of the knee, stomachs and backs must be covered, and necklines must be to the collar bone.

Shirts - All students must wear shirts with collars and sleeves and buttons - **every day**. (Only the top button may be worn open.) The only exception for shirts without buttons will be mock and full turtlenecks. Shirts may be worn untucked if the hem is straight. All other shirts need to be completely tucked in.

Sweatshirts - Bishop Kelly, college/university, or unadorned/plain sweatshirts **must be worn with a collared shirt**.

Jackets/Sweaters - Crewneck, V-neck, button up, and zip-up sweaters, jackets and hoodies **must be worn with a collard shirt**.

Jewelry - Jewelry should be worn in moderation and in good taste. Excessive jewelry and ornamentation is not acceptable.

Body Piercing/Tattoos - With the exception of earrings for female students, no other body piercing or tattooing is allowed to be visible.

Hats/ Head Coverings - Head coverings of any kind are considered inappropriate for the school environment. No hats, hoods, visors, stocking caps, beanies, or bandanas are to be worn in the building.

Shoes – Shoes must be safe and appropriate for school. All shoes must either cover the toe and heel or have heel and toe straps, properly used. **Flip Flops and slippers are never allowed.**

Hair Requirements – Hair should be kept neat, clean, trimmed appropriately and properly styled. No unnatural hair colors are allowed. Hair styles should not become a distraction to the learning environment for the individual or for others.

- For male students, the hair should be out of the eyes when hanging naturally, off of the collar when hanging naturally, and cut above the earlobes. Facial hair is not permitted.
- If a student's hair is deemed inappropriate, the student will be given 3 days to comply with the hair requirements and after that time, the student will be placed in "In-School Suspension" until the hair is appropriate.

Mass Dress:

The Mass Day dress code is designed to reflect dignity and respect. Boys must wear collared shirts (no Polo shirts) with a tied necktie and long slacks or khaki pants all day. Girls must wear dresses, skirts or pantsuits with collared blouses all day. **Sweatshirts are not to be worn on Mass Days.**

Spirit/Team Dress:

On designated spirit days, all students will be allowed to wear Bishop Kelly tee shirts. On game/competition days not designated as a school-wide Spirit Day, team members may dress alike in the spirit of team unity and school pride. Team dress includes appropriate clothing outlined in the Bishop Kelly Dress Code, Bishop Kelly tee shirts, and/or jerseys with sleeves.

Consequences:

The dress code is in effect from the beginning of the school day until the end, which will be signified by the first and last bell. Students will not be permitted in class if they are out of dress code. Any class time missed due to being out of dress code will be considered as an unexcused absence, and credit for any class work missed shall not be granted.

Students not in dress code will need to:

1. correct the problem immediately
2. call parents for a change of clothing if the problem cannot be corrected, or
3. remain in In-School Suspension until the problem is corrected or until the school day ends.

Dress Code Violations are cumulative through the academic year.

The first violation will be a written reprimand/warning; a second violation will be an After-School Detention; any subsequent violations will result in one day of Saturday School. Students will be charged \$10.00 per Saturday School to cover the stipend of the Saturday School Supervisor.