

BISHOP KELLY DRESS CODE POLICY

Bishop Kelly High School students should be appropriately dressed for learning each school day, which is different than dressing for a social engagement, sporting event, or other weekend activity. Bishop Kelly students' attire should be respectful to self and others by conforming to standards for Christian modesty. The Bishop Kelly dress code is in effect from the first bell to the last bell each school day.

Students must be clean, neat, and modest in appearance. Clothing is to be in good condition, not ragged, and without patches. Clothing cannot be see-through or tight, nor can it mock the dress code. Students must wear clothing that does not expose cleavage. Nothing students wear may convey an inappropriate message or reference sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, violence, racism, or gangs. Colors and patterns on clothes must be appropriate for the school environment.

Bishop Kelly High School will have a uniform option this year. The uniform is intended to promote simplicity and foster Bishop Kelly identity and equality among students, and to provide an alternative to the open dress code. The uniform is appropriate for both regular and Mass Days. The uniform is on display outside the Main Office and can be purchased through the Bishop Kelly Booster Club. The uniform includes: a black v-neck sweater with the BK crest, a BK tie, white button-up shirt, and gray, khaki or black pants for boys; a black cardigan with the BK crest, white button-up blouse, and gray skirt for girls.

Regular School Day Attire

Slacks, Pants and Shorts: Slacks or shorts that are similar to khakis or chinos and other cotton or synthetic material pants or shorts, wool pants, dressy capris, and nice looking dress synthetic pants are appropriate. Shorts should be no more than 3" above the top of the knee when standing up straight. Inappropriate slacks, pants or shorts include: jeans (of any color), sweatpants, athletic pants or shorts, short shorts, bib overalls, leggings, jeggings, and any spandex or other form-fitting pants such as pencil cut or skinny cut pants.

Skirts, Dresses and Skirted Suits: Casual dresses and skirts, and skirts that are split at or below the knee are appropriate. Dress and skirt length should be at a length at which you can sit comfortably in public (no more than 3" above the top of the knee when standing up straight). Sleeveless dresses are acceptable, as long as they are not tank tops or spaghetti straps. Short, tight skirts that ride halfway up the thigh are inappropriate. Mini-skirts, sun dresses, beach dresses, and spaghetti-strap dresses are inappropriate. Leggings or tights may be worn under a skirt that is no more than 3" above the top of the knee when standing up straight.



Shirts, Tops, Blouses and Jackets: Dress shirts can include blouses with buttons and a collar, sweaters, polo shirts, turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks. They do not need to have a collared shirt underneath, as long as there is a modest neckline that does not show cleavage. Sleeveless dress shirts are acceptable, as long as they are not tank tops or spaghetti straps. Most suit jackets or sport jackets are also appropriate attire, unless they violate the listed guidelines. Inappropriate attire includes: **t-shirts**, tank tops, midriff tops, shirts with potentially offensive words, terms, logos, pictures, cartoons, or slogans, and halter-tops. T-shirts include shirts that are worn for working out, undershirts, thermal underwear, and shirts with big logos (see picture). BK t-shirts may only be worn according to the guidelines listed in "Spirit/Team Dress."

Students are only allowed to wear Bishop Kelly High School or college sweatshirts; this includes all hoodies, even those that have a full zipper.

Shoes and Footwear: Appropriate footwear includes dress shoes, sandals, flats, dress heels, loafers, clogs, and conservative athletic or walking shoes. Flip-flops and slippers are inappropriate.

Jewelry/Tattoos/Hats and Head Covering: Jewelry should be worn in moderation and in good taste. Excessive jewelry and ornamentation is not appropriate. With the exception of earrings for female students, no other body piercing or tattooing allowed to be visible. Hats are not appropriate.

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 others. Facial hair is not permitted.

- 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.

Spirit/Team Dress

On designated spirit days, all students will be allowed to wear Bishop Kelly t-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 t-shirts, and/or jerseys with sleeves.

Mass Dress

We expect students to show more respect and reverence on Mass Day. Therefore, on Mass Day, the standards for dress are elevated and will be effective for the entire school day.

- No sweatshirts are allowed on Mass Day.
- Boys must wear collared dress shirts (no polo shirts) with a tied necktie and long slacks or khaki pants (no cargo pants). Shirts must be tucked in.
- Girls must wear dresses, skirts, or pantsuits (defined below). Skirts and dresses should be no more than 3" above the top of the knee when standing up straight. Pantsuits are defined as a *suit* including a coordinated jacket and dress slacks; polo shirts and khakis are inappropriate for Mass Days.

Consequences

Parents, students and staff must work together to ensure that the dress code is enforced and supported. The administration will be the final judge of student appearance questions not explicitly covered in dress code guidelines. All staff members will refer students to the Assistant Principals for dress code violations; only the Assistant Principals will write the violation.

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 a Suspension Absence.

Students not in dress code will need to:

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

First violation: Students will report to the Assistant Principal after school to participate in an educational activity regarding the dress code. This may include: creating dress code posters, researching other schools' dress codes, or another reflective assignment to get students thinking about the purpose and function of the dress code at Bishop Kelly High School. A letter will be sent to parents on the first violation explaining that the consequence for a second violation is wearing restricted dress for one week.

Second violation: Student will wear restricted dress for one week; student will be required to check into the Attendance Office daily during the period of restricted dress. Restricted dress means that the student and the Assistant Principal will agree to an acceptable outfit, conforming to dress code standards, for the student to wear for one week.

Third violation: Students will wear restricted dress for one quarter (9 weeks); students will be required to check into the Attendance Office daily during the period of restricted dress. Any subsequent violations will result in further consequences determined appropriate by the administration (i.e. Saturday School, Suspension, etc.).

Hair violation: 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.