

2020-2021 BUFORD MIDDLE DRESS CODE POLICY

The intent of this document is to provide a list of all *acceptable* articles of clothing, accessories, colors, styles, and guidelines. Since it is impossible to list all items that are not acceptable, items not listed are considered unacceptable and will be considered a violation of our dress code. Students in violation of the BMS dress code will be given the opportunity to correct the violation. If the student is unwilling or unable to do so, he/she will remain in ISS. Any accommodation for dress code due to medical issues will require a doctor’s note and communication with nurse and school administration.

General Guidelines:

- Clothing must be free of rips, tears, holes, or frayed hems.
- Students should not wear black on black combinations.
- Undergarments and the midriff must be covered at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, when students are bending or reaching at the locker and sitting in the cafeteria or classroom. Undergarments should be not be seen through the top layer of clothing as well around the neck, shoulders, or back.

Tops (solid colors)	Bottoms (solid colors)	Dresses/Jumpers (solid colors)	Shoes and Socks	Belt** (solid colors)	Accessories (solid color or blend)
black	black	black	Any color - any images must be school appropriate - flip flops and bedroom slippers are not acceptable	black	black
	brown or khaki	brown or khaki		brown or khaki	brown or khaki
green		green		green	green
grey	grey	grey		grey	grey
white		white		white	white/silver
yellow /gold		yellow /gold		yellow/gold	yellow/gold

* Please note that plaid and camo are not considered acceptable for tops, bottoms, or accessories.*

**Belts are optional, unless pants do not fit in the waist. **

Tops:

- Acceptable styles include collared and crew necklines; sweatshirt/pullover/hooded sweatshirt.
- Guidelines:
 - Acceptable sleeve types include ¾ sleeve, cap sleeve, long sleeve, and short sleeve.
 - The base shirt (shirt that touches the skin first) MUST be around the base of the neck and in acceptable colors.
 - Shirts that button up the front must have attached collar (crewneck tops that button down are not acceptable).
 - Only the top two buttons can be unbuttoned and must be within 3 inches from the top of the placket.
 - The length of the shirt must reach past the waistband but may not reach beyond student’s arm length.
 - Emblems/Logos:
 - Must be less than 3 inch in diameter;
 - Must be integrated into the fabric of shirt;
 - Can be in any color (including commercial logos or branding)
 - Are limited to one logo which may be visible on each area: front, back, right/left side

Bottoms:

- Acceptable styles include cargo, chino, corduroy, and twill.
- Acceptable bottoms:

Boys:	Girls:
○ Pants	○ Pants/Capris ○ Skirts/Skorts
○ Shorts	○ Walking shorts
- Guidelines:
 - Belts may be required if the waistline falls below the hips or waist.
 - Shorts and skirts/skorts may be no more than two inches above the top of the knee, including slits in dresses or skirts.
 - All bottom garments must be appropriate size (no oversized pants.)
 - Leggings and tights
 - Should a solid material; and
 - Must be worn under appropriate shorts, pants, or dresses; may not be worn as the sole bottom garment.

Dresses/Jumpers

- Guidelines:
 - Acceptable sleeve types include ¾ sleeve, cap sleeve, long sleeve, and short sleeve.
 - Length may be no more than two inches above the top of the knee.
 - Neckline must be at base of the neck.

Shoes:

- Acceptable styles include boots, dress shoes, sandals, and tennis shoes (flip flops and bedroom slippers are not acceptable)

Accessories:

- Acceptable styles:
 - Belts:
 - Belts may be required if the waistline falls below the hips or waist.
 - Belt buckles must be plain, free of embellishments, words, images, graphics, or drawings.
 - Extra length of the belt may not dangle from the waist.
 - Hair accessories:
 - Acceptable styles include barrettes, hair bows, headbands, ponytail holders.
 - Head coverings worn in the school building require administrator approval.
 - Jewelry:
 - Acceptable styles include bracelets, watches, rings, and ear piercings (may dangle no more than 1 inch).
 - Any bracelet, other than gold or silver jewelry, must be school dress code colors for accessories.
 - Scarves:
 - Bandanas are not allowed at any time, including class projects.
 - Scarves may not be used to cover necklines that violate the dress code.
- Guidelines:
 - Accessories and piercings may not be excessively large, distracting, or disruptive to the learning environment.
 - Backpacks are to be stored in lockers or designated areas at the first opportunity for locker access and can only be removed from lockers during the last locker break of the day. Backpacks include any bags that are carried over the shoulder, whether transporting clothes, accessories, school supplies, and any other items.
 - Body art or drawings are not acceptable for the learning environment.
 - Body piercings are limited to ear piercings with the following guidelines. Ear gauges will be no larger than ½ inch in diameter. Spike earrings should be shorter than ¼ inch.
 - Handbags and purses may not be used to transport books.
 - Sunglasses may be permitted for medical reasons as approved by administration when accompanied by a doctor's note.
 - Towels, shirts, bandanas, chains, or other objects may not hang from pants/shorts pockets.
 - Watches may not be used as communication or notification devices.

Outerwear:

- Guidelines:
 - Students may wear their choice of outerwear to school before the school day begins.
 - Outerwear worn during the school day must follow the dress code color policy for tops.
 - Solid colored or spirit wear sweatshirts/pullovers/hoodies that follow dress code colors for tops may be worn during school hours.
 - Outerwear not following these guidelines must be stored in lockers during school hours.
 - Trench coats may not be worn at any time—before, during, or after school.

Spirit Wear:

- Guidelines:
 - Tops:
 - Buford spirit wear tops with the Buford insignia or logo.
 - Collared or crew neck shirts in a combination of dress code colors are acceptable.
 - Homemade spirit wear must be approved by an administrator in advance.
 - Pink tops with a Buford insignia or logo are acceptable.
 - Any blend or combination of school colors, excluding camouflage and plaid, is acceptable.
 - In addition to the regular dress code bottoms, blue jeans are acceptable as approved by administrator.
 - Friday spirit wear is a privilege and not a guarantee.
 - Students who have not had a dress code infraction or served ISS/OSS during the week are permitted to participate in spirit wear on Friday.
 - **Students who have been at school all week with no checkouts or tardies (Thursday at 1:00 p.m. to Thursday at 1:00 p.m.) are permitted to participate in spirit wear on Fridays.**
 - Students not participating in Friday spirit wear are expected to follow the regular dress code policy.
 - Students in violation of spirit wear dress code will be given the opportunity to correct the violation. If the student is unwilling or unable to do so, he/she will remain in ISS.

Dress Down Days:

- Guidelines:
 - Dress down days are a privilege and not a guarantee.
 - Dress code violators will be given the opportunity to correct the violation. If the student is unwilling or unable to do so, he/she will remain in ISS.
 - Students not participating in dress down days are expected to follow the regular dress code policy.
- Unacceptable Items:
 - Tops – exposed shoulders or backs, v-necks, spaghetti straps, tank tops
 - Bottoms – athletic shorts, sweatpants, athletic pants, jeans/pants
 - Item with rips, frayed holes, or tears