

## 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.

### 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.

<b>Tops</b> (solid colors)	<b>Bottoms</b> (solid colors)	<b>Shoes</b> (solid color or blend)	<b>Belt</b> (solid colors)	<b>Accessories and Socks</b> (solid color or blend)
black	black	black	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/silver	white	white/silver
yellow		yellow/gold	yellow/gold	yellow/gold

### Tops:

- Acceptable styles:
  - Button down – unbuttoned no lower than the top two buttons
  - Polo – unbuttoned no lower than the top two buttons
  - Crew neck
    - NOTE: Buford spirit shirts are worn on Spirit Wear days only
    - The neckline must touch collar bone.
  - Buford or solid hoodies
- Guidelines:
  - Emblems:
    - Must be less than 1 inch or covered with an official BMS school button
    - Emblems not in acceptable school colors for tops must be covered with official BMS school button
  - Length:
    - Must reach past the waistband but not beyond student’s arm length
  - Sleeves:
    - ¾ sleeve
    - Cap sleeve
    - Long sleeve
    - Short sleeve

### Bottoms:

- Acceptable styles:
  - Cargo
  - Chino
  - Corduroy
  - Twill
  - Tights (may only be worn under skirts, dresses, or skorts)
- Acceptable bottoms:
 

Boys:	Girls:
○ Pants	○ Pants/Capris
○ Shorts	○ Skirts/Skorts
	○ Walking shorts
	○ Dresses/Jumpers
- Guidelines:
  - Must be worn with a belt and at the hips or waist
  - Shorts, skirts/skorts, and dresses may be no more than two inches above the top of the knee, including in slits in dresses or skirts
  - Leggings should be worn under appropriate shorts, pants, or dresses. They may not be worn as the sole bottom garment.

### Shoes:

- Acceptable styles:
  - Boots
  - Dress shoes
  - Sandals
  - Tennis shoes
- Guidelines:
  - Heel height must be less than 2 inches

### Accessories:

- Acceptable styles:
  - Belts:
    - Must be worn with all bottoms with belt loops
    - Plain belt buckles only
    - Extra length may not dangle from the waist
    - Must be free of embellishments
  - Hair accessories:
    - Acceptable styles:
      - Barrettes
      - Hair bows
      - Headbands
      - Ponytail holders
    - Hair must be a natural color and non-distracting to the learning environment
    - Head coverings worn in the school building require administrator approval
  - Jewelry:
    - Acceptable styles:
      - Bracelets
      - Watch
      - Rings
      - Earrings - may dangle no more than 1 inch
- Guidelines:
  - Backpacks are to be stored in lockers or designated areas
  - Accessories, piercings, and hair color may not be excessively large, distracting, or disruptive to the learning environment
  - Body art or drawings are not acceptable for the learning environment

### 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.

### Spirit Wear:

- Acceptable Spirit Wear
  - Tops:
    - Buford spirit wear tops with the Buford insignia or logo
    - Collared or crew neck shirts in a combination of dress code colors
    - Pink tops with a Buford insignia or logo
    - Homemade spirit shirts must be approved by an administrator in advance
  - Bottoms:
    - Blue Jeans
- Guidelines:
  - 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
  - Dress code violators will be given the opportunity to correct the violation. If the student is unable to do so, he/she will remain in ISS

### Dress Down Days:

- Unacceptable Items:
  - Athletic shorts, sweatpants, joggers, jeans/pants with rips, holes, or tears
  - Tops with exposed shoulders or backs, v-necks, spaghetti straps, tank tops, rips or tears

### Definitions:

Crew Neck - a close-fitting, round neckline, especially on a sweater or T-shirt

Polo - a casual short-sleeved cotton shirt with a collar and several buttons at the neck

Collar - a band of material around the neck of a shirt

Undershirt - an undergarment worn under a shirt

Chino - a cotton twill fabric, typically khaki-colored