

BEST Academy 6-12 is dedicated to the total development of young men. As such we strive to instill, in the hearts and minds of every young man, the foundational principles of appropriate conduct, attire and appearance. This commitment is designed to achieve an important objective of the school's vision, "to create a high-performing single gender exemplar that produces transformational leaders who contribute to the community."

It is our expectation that students and parents who select BEST Academy do so because of the school's growing legacy of producing leaders and its distinct reputation for developing and enhancing young men holistically. On the campus, and at school sponsored events and activities, students at BEST will be expected to dress neatly and appropriately at all times. The following are examples of **appropriate attire** for the various grade levels:

The B.E.S.T. Academy 6-12 Suggested Uniform

In order to consistently maintain the B.E.S.T. Academy 6-12 standards, foster school unity and pride, and allow students to focus on learning in a safe environment, it is suggested that students consider the uniform guidance below:

LOWER ACADEMY				
TOPS	6 th	7 th	8 th	
	Black Shirt (No logo is allowed until earned)	Light Blue Shirt with B.E.S.T. crest	Gold Shirt with B.E.S.T. crest	
HOODIES	Pullover hoodies must have a BEST LOGO or zip-down hoodies can be any color	Pullover hoodies must have a BEST LOGO or zip-down hoodies can be any color	Pullover hoodies must have a BEST LOGO or zip-down hoodies can be any color	
BELTS	Brown/Black belt	Brown/Black belt	Brown/Black belt	
BOTTOMS	Khaki or Navy Blue pants or shorts black jeans with no holes	Khaki or Navy Blue pants or shorts black jeans with no holes	Khaki or Navy Blue pants or shorts black jeans with no holes	
SOCKS	White or black socks	White or black socks	White or black socks	
SHOES	Sneakers or solid black/brown shoes	Sneakers or solid black/brown shoes	Sneakers or solid black/ brown shoes	

UPPER ACADEMY				
TODS	$9^{th} - 11^{th}$	12 th		
TOPS	Navy Shirt with B.E.S.T. crest	Gold Shirt with B.E.S.T. crest		
HOODIES	Pullover hoodies must have a BEST LOGO or zip-down hoodies can be any color	Pullover hoodies must have a BEST LOGO or zip-down hoodies can be any color		
BELTS	Brown/Black belt	Brown/Black belt		
BOTTOMS	Khaki or Navy Blue pants or shorts black jeans with no holes	Khaki or Navy Blue pants or shorts black jeans with no holes		
SOCKS	White or black socks	White or black socks		
SHOES	Sneakers or solid black/brown shoes	Sneakers or solid black/brown shoes		



Appropriate Attire/Appearance

2022-2023

Please see below regarding specific inappropriate attire and/or appearance violations:

1. NO Croc-styled footwear, flip-flops, slides, shower shoe, bare feet, etc. are permitted in classrooms, the cafeteria, or any other public/indoor venues.

2. NO Caps, do-rags and/or hoods are permitted in classrooms, the cafeteria, or other indoor venues. *This policy item does not apply to headgear considered as a part of religious or cultural dress.*

3. NO Sunglasses or "shades" are not to be worn in class or at formal programs unless *medical documentation is provided to support use.*

4. NO Decorative orthodontic appliances (e.g., "grills"), are permitted; be they permanent or removable, they <u>shall not</u> be worn on the school site.

5. NO Clothing with derogatory, offensive, or lewd messages (either in words or pictures) are allowed.

6. NO sagging – the wearing of one's pants low enough to reveal undergarments or secondary layers of clothing.

7. NO gym shorts or pajamas shall be worn while in school.

8. The following appearance enhancers MAY NOT be worn at school:

NO earrings (MS only)	NO hair extensions/wigs	NO make-up
NO fake eyelashes	NO hair coloring	NO nose-rings
NO eyeliner	NO lipstick	NO painted or acrylic nails

* Due to the complex nature of our dress code policy, administration reserves the right to handle all dress-code violations in a case-by-case manner. Additional dress regulations may be imposed/revised when students are participating in certain extracurricular activities that are considered auxiliaries (e.g., Athletic teams, the Band, Chorus, Clubs, etc.).

The school reserves the right to modify this policy as deemed appropriate. All administrative, faculty, students and support staff members are asked to assist in enforcing this policy and should report violations. Failure to comply with this policy is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Students may be given a verbal warning to correct their attire by a faculty or staff member. Should the student choose not to abide by the directives of a faculty or staff member, this is a violation of our Code of Student Conduct for "failure to comply," then they will be referred to administration. Frequent and or excessive violations will be subject to our Code of Student Conduct consequences.

Please sign below indicating receipt of Appropriate Attire/Appearance Policy:

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Please Note: Thursdays are designated as Business Dress Day. No Jeans or sneakers are allowed. Collared white shirts and ties are preferred. Polo shirt, Khaki pants, and dress shoes are mandatory on Thursdays.

If students or parents have questions regarding attire for different functions or desire further clarification on what is considered neat, modest, casual, or business attire please consult Dr. Timothy Jones (ext. 4938) or Mr. Larry Guilford (ext. 7151).