

DRESS CODE – 2014-2015

READ CAREFULLY

Points of Emphasis

1. *No Yoga Pants*
2. *If a sweater or sweatshirt is worn open, a dress code appropriate shirt must be worn underneath.*
3. *Belleville East/West Spirit Wear t-shirts that are approved by the building principal may be worn.*
4. *Refrain from wearing low-cut shirts/sweaters*
5. *Refrain from wearing sagging pants*
6. *No inside out sweatshirts/hoodies to get around logo size restriction*

Actual Dress Code

Belleville District 201 encourages a standard in behavior, dress, grooming, and appearance that reflects pride in self, home, and school. However, student apparel at Belleville East and West has become a disruption to the educational process as clothing has served to promote gang affiliations and classroom disruptions. The purpose of this standardized dress policy is to improve the safety of the schools by discouraging gang affiliations, improve the learning environment, reduce classroom distractions, bridge socio-economic differences between students, increase students' self-respect and self-esteem, enhance student security, and enable a cost savings for families. This standardized dress policy allows students to focus on their academics rather than on peer pressure related to fads and/ or costly attire. Raising the standard of dress will enhance the school's image within the community and improve school spirit.

Disciplinary actions will be taken to enforce compliance with this policy. Disciplinary actions range from a reprimand or detention, to an out-of-school suspension. Reasonable accommodations to comply with the dress code (no more than five days) will be given to transfer students registering during the school year.

Color scheme

Pants/Capri Pants, Skirts, Dresses: Khaki, Black, Navy Blue

Shirts: Acceptable Colors are White, Maroon, Blue, Grey

A. Pants/Capri Pants (slack style)

1. Must be a solid color.
2. Must be worn at waist level.
3. No sweatpants, blue jeans, leather, stretch/spandex pants, **yoga pants**.
4. When worn at the waist, must fall below the knee when standing.

B. Skirts

1. Must be a solid color.
2. Length must be below the knee.
3. No blue jean, leather, stretch/spandex skirts.
4. Slits can't rise above the knee.

C. Shirts (collared shirt, sweater, sweatshirt, and turtleneck)

1. Must be a solid color.
2. All shirts must be one of the color choices.
3. Layered shirts must be one of the color choices.

4. **If a sweater is worn open, a dress code appropriate shirt must be worn underneath.**
5. Shirt length must be no longer than bottom, back pocket level or tucked in.
6. Logos on shirts may be no larger than a half dollar with the exception of Belleville East/ West Spirit Wear.
7. **Belleville East/West Spirit Wear t-shirts that are approved by the building principal.**
8. Students will be allowed to wear school-issued athletic uniforms on select days with prior approval from the administration.
9. School sponsored clubs/activities must adhere to the standardized dress policy.
10. Ties are optional.

D. Belts

1. Belts and suspenders must be properly buckled.

E. Shoes

1. All students will wear shoes or sandals.
2. Shoes with laces must be tied.
3. Socks are optional.

F. Additional Requirements

1. See-through apparel will not be worn.
2. No chains will be allowed.
3. Appropriate and necessary undergarments must be worn and not shown.
4. Clothing must cover the upper (cleavage) and the lower (midriff) torso at all times.
5. Students may not wear or carry bandannas.
6. Gang-related apparel is not acceptable.
7. No hats, headgear, or sweatbands on campus at any time. Students may wear dress code compliant hooded sweatshirts; however, the hoods must be down. Exceptions will be announced by the administration due to inclement weather.
8. Dresses must follow the shirt and/or skirt color guidelines.
9. Students are not allowed to wear jackets/coats in the building after the start of the student day (8:30 a.m.).

Students not complying with this policy will be sent home to change clothes and will be **unexcused (no make-up work)** for the duration of their absence. After **three** violations the following consequences would apply:

4th violation – Sent home unexcused and 1 Saturday Detention

5th violation – Sent home unexcused and 2 Saturday Detentions

6th violation – Sent home unexcused and 1 day of In-School Detention

7th violation – Sent home unexcused, 1 day of In-School Detention and 1 Saturday Detention

Additional violations may result in Out-of-School Suspensions.

Students who cannot comply with this policy due to economic hardship will be provided assistance. Those students are directed to contact the Associate/Assistant Principals' Office for an economic hardship application.

A committee of parents, students, faculty, and administration met to create this standardized dress policy. This standardized dress policy is not a prescribed uniform that must be purchased from a specific vendor.

The Board of Education reserves the right to modify this policy when deemed necessary.