



## BCJA Standards of Dress Policy

At Berean Christian Junior Academy (BCJA), uniforms are required for every student. The intention is to promote in our students a healthy self-esteem and to create an environment of studiousness, as well as to minimize monetary differences. As in all areas of life, it is our privilege to honor our Creator, even in our dress. Our appearance tends to reflect our behavior, our character, and our seriousness of purpose. We invite parents, families, faculty, and staff to work together to ensure a high standard of personal appearance (a commitment to being tidy, keeping attire in good repair, and dressing modestly) for ourselves and our students. It is through the understanding and cooperation of all parties that we will be able to maintain a culture of excellence in our standards of dress. Guidelines for this standard follow.

### Basic Dress Standards:

1. All students' clothing should be labeled.
2. Clothing must be clean, size appropriate, and well-fitting.
3. All outerwear worn in the building during the day, including sweaters and jackets, must be logoed and of solid navy blue.

**Please note:** In the event that a student must wear special shoes that differ from the uniform policy, a letter from a podiatrist is required.

4. Jewelry is not to be worn on school grounds or at school-sponsored functions; neither is colored or decorated nails and make-up acceptable.
5. When a student is in non-compliance with these guidelines, BCJA reserves the right to have the child remove the fingernail polish, makeup, and/or jewelry (which will be returned in a sealed envelope).
6. All hairstyles should be well groomed, neatly kept, and regularly maintained for optimum aesthetic appearance. Styles that represent gangs, fringe-, sub- or counter-cultures should be avoided. As with attire, hairstyles that are neat, moderate, and well-kept are appreciated.

### On Special Days When Uniforms Are Not Required:

1. Information will be sent home prior to such days concerning the style of dress appropriate to wear.
2. In general, form-fitting, short, low-cut, or revealing apparel should be avoided.
3. Clothing should cover the shoulders, back, chest, waist, and thighs.
4. Clothing that the school deems provocative or inappropriate and clothing with wording, insignias, or pictures that promote non-Christian values or an unhealthy lifestyle is prohibited on school grounds or at any school related activities.
5. All items of clothing must be clean, unstained, un-torn, and modestly cut.

**Violation of Uniform Policy:**

The school reserves the right to determine appropriate attire and accessories. Violation of the uniform policy will result in a reminder note to the parent for the first offense. Thereafter, students may be detained from attending classes, and the parent may be called to pick up the child or bring the proper uniform. If the school has an article of clothing on campus, the item may be given to the child as a courtesy, and the cost added to the parent's bill, upon approval. If BCJA does not have the item in stock, the parent will be responsible for ordering/purchasing the appropriate uniform article before sending the child back to class. If a part of the uniform, such as shoes or ties, is lost or damaged, parents may send a letter to the office on that day with notification of the specific problem and a date when the new item(s) will be acquired. In the interim, dress shoes (not athletic shoes) and a dress tie should be worn. Finally, if a child is inappropriately dressed for a school performance, the student may be asked to sit out that particular performance.

We embrace individuality within the context of our values and mission. Extreme types of hairstyles, appearances, and apparels distract from the main purpose of our school. These will be addressed on an individual basis. Our goal is not only the development of moral character, but also that of a clear, discerning mind, and a healthy well-groomed presentation.