

# BA Uniform Policy

Uniforms improve our learning environment by:

- Helping students concentrate on their school work
- Setting a tone for serious study
- Removing distractions created by socioeconomic differences and trendy fashion
- Instilling discipline and self-respect

Additionally, uniforms create a safe learning environment by helping school officials recognize intruders. Scholars and parents are expected to honor the uniform code so that valuable learning time is not spent examining student attire to determine appropriateness. Financial assistance to help with the purchase of uniforms may be available annually and donations of new or gently used uniforms from BA families are encouraged.

Uniforms must be worn during school hours and extended day programming, as well as during field trips and special school activities. Students are not permitted to change out of their uniforms during or after school unless participating in P.E., college or career readiness activities, or an extended day activity that requires non-uniform clothing.

## Pants / Shorts/ Skirts

Skirts, skorts, capris, shorts, and pants must be khaki in color, worn at the waist, and not overly tight. The hemlines of skirts, skorts, and shorts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee when seated. Girls are required to wear shorts under skirts. Long (to the ankle) navy, white, or black leggings may be worn under skirts, shorts, or skorts, as long as they are solid material without holes. Wearing long dresses is discouraged because it may limit a scholar's ability to fully participate in physical education and/or recess. Jumpers are not permitted because they cover the uniform polo top.

## Shirts

Long or short sleeve polo shirts with the school logo are the required uniform top. Other than plain white, blue, gray or black undershirts worn under uniform shirts, underclothing should not be visible. Boys and girls in grades 5-12 are required to keep their shirts tucked in at all times. Belts are optional, but if worn must be solid black, brown or navy.

## Shoes

Shoes should be safe to wear and minimize distractions. They should be solid white, black, or navy in color and closed-toe, closed-heel, tied, or fastened. Heels or soles should not be higher than 1 inch. Slippers, Croc-like shoes, thin-soled shoes, flip-flops, or open-toed shoes are not permitted. Solid navy, white, or black socks or leggings are considered part of the uniform, but must come down to the ankle and be a solid material without holes.

## Accessories & Outerwear

Students may wear makeup, jewelry and hair accessories as long as it is consistent with uniting our school and demonstrating our sense of pride in education. No hats of any kind, including baseball caps, may be worn inside the school building. Head coverings of a religious nature are permitted. Sweaters or sweatshirts with an official Butler Academy logo are considered a uniform item and acceptable at all times. Outerwear that is worn for warmth to and from school and during outside recess is not considered a uniform item.

## Free Dress Guidelines

Uniforms are not required during summer programs or on Free Dress Picture Day. Nonetheless, clothing should be modest and fit appropriately; nothing overly tight or baggy. Shirts must cover shoulders and midriffs. Shorts, skorts, and skirts should follow the BA hemline guidelines.

***Thank you for reflecting our Core Values of Respect and Excellence as you honor the BA uniform code.***