

BHS Student Dress Code Policy

Students in our community are expected to follow the school dress code in order to be allowed in class. Brooke enforces a policy to show respect for our appearance, to show cohesion as a community and encompass a sense of equality and a focus on academic excellence, and to prepare students to dress properly for future endeavors such as high school, college and employment interviews and experiences.

The Brooke High dress code is strictly enforced. Students not in school uniform will remain in the Dean's office until they can get in proper dress code. The dress code is in effect anytime students are in the school during the school day (9:40am-3:45pm on Mondays and 8am-3:45pm on Tuesdays-Fridays). During after-school events, students may be out of uniform only with the permission of a coach or teacher.

Uniform issues that can be fixed at school will be fixed as soon as possible so that students can get to class. This could include students removing undershirts, inappropriate jewelry, unacceptable socks (if wearing a skirt), or non-uniform sweaters/sweatshirts. Fixable issues will result in one demerit. BHS will sometimes have extra uniform shoes, shirts, and pants in a scholar's size; however this is not guaranteed. If extra appropriate uniform materials are available, students will be able to borrow the clothes for the day. If extra uniform materials are not available, the student will not be permitted in class until the uniform violation is corrected. Students will receive two demerits for being in school without an appropriate uniform shirt, pants/skirt and/or shoes after 9:40am on Mondays and after 8am on Tuesdays-Fridays. They will remain in silent study hall until their uniform issue is resolved.

1. Shirts and Outerwear

a. Students must wear unaltered BHS school shirts each day. Regulation Brooke High school shirts are dark grey, navy blue, or burgundy, and have a visible Brooke High logo. Only Brooke High shirts may be worn; shirts from Brooke Roslindale, Brooke Mattapan, and Brooke East Boston are not permissible substitutes for Brooke High shirts. Shirts and sweatshirts for Brooke High clubs and athletics are acceptable to wear on School Spirit days and days of competition if the student is a member of that team or club.

- b. Students may wear any solid colored undershirt, provided that the undershirt is a crew neck and the sleeves of the undershirt and shirt tail are not visible at any time. If a student wears an undershirt with visible sleeves, shirt tails or turtlenecks, the undershirt must be solid black, grey, navy blue, burgundy or white. Students may not wear hooded sweatshirts under their uniform tops. Students will be required to remove undershirts that are out of uniform.
- c. Approved school sweatshirts and fleece tops bearing the Brooke High logo may only be worn over the top of the school shirt.
- d. Coats, non-school sweatshirts, or any other outerwear are not permitted to be worn in school or taken anywhere in the building at any time and must be left in the locker or backpack all day.

Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Button down tops buttoned up, collared polo-style shirts, blouses, sweaters
- b. Sport coats, suits and blazers
- c. Button down shirts with a tail must be tucked in.

Not Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. T-shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, tops with a plunging neckline, overly tight tops, shirts with graphics, sweatshirts, hoodies, casual jackets/coats
- b. See-through shirts are not allowed.
- c. Logos greater than a quarter (one inch) size.

2. Pants and Skirts:

- a. Students must wear dress pants/chinos or skirts. Shorts, pants with a hem above the midcalf, spandex material, and corduroys are not permitted.
- b. All pants and skirts must be khaki, black or navy blue in color. Pants must be a cotton or khaki material.
- c. No pockets, loops, or straps on pants or skirts can be below the hip level. Rubber bands are not permitted around pants.
- d. Pants must not be too baggy or too tight nor torn or frayed. Joggers are not permitted. Other clothing must not be visible under pants.
- e. Skirts must be knee length or longer and no slit may come too high. Skorts are not allowed. If a student is wearing a skirt, socks or tights that are worn must be solid black, grey, navy blue, burgundy or white.
- f. Black or brown belts are required.

Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Dress pants mid calf or longer, khakis, skirts knee-length or longer (no slits in skirts or dresses). Pants, skirts and dresses cannot be overly tight nor revealing.
- b. Students may choose to wear any type of belt.
- c. Dresses that follow similar guidelines as tops and skirts.

Not Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Shorts, jeans, corduroys, pants with a hem above the midcalf, spandex material, sweatpants and overly tight skirts or dresses.

3. Shoes:

- a. All black or all white shoes are required. Shoelaces, soles and all parts of the shoe must be black or white. Shoes are acceptable only if they cover more than half of the top of the foot and don't have more than a 1" heel. Visible logos must be white or black and a quarter size (one inch) or less if not the same color as the rest of the shoe.
- b. Flip-flops, stilettos, stacks, platform shoes, moccasins, slides, slippers and sandals (shoes with exposed toes and including Crocs) are not permitted.
- c. Shoes must be laced up, with tongue inside, and tied securely.
- d. The first week of school is the only time where we will temporarily tape out of uniform shoes to keep students in class. After the first week of school, students will not be able to tape up out of uniform shoes and will remain out of class until the uniform is fixed.

Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Dress shoes (open toed dress shoes are allowed), loafers and flats in any color. Up to 4" heels on dress shoes are allowed if the student can walk reasonably in the shoes. Boots must be below-the-knee.

Not Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Sneakers (unless they fall within uniform policy), flip-flops (sandals with an open heel), stilettos taller than 4", stacks, platform shoes, moccasins, slippers and slides.

4. Accessories and makeup:

- a. No distracting makeup is permitted.

- b. Perfume and scented lotion is not permitted out of respect for members of the community with allergies.
- c. Sweatbands or distracting wrist wear are prohibited.

Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Same as above with the addition of neckties.

Not Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Same as above.

5. Head Coverings:

- a. No hats or other head coverings are permitted, including scarves, hairnets, athletic sweatbands, and bandanas anywhere inside a building at any time, except where mandated by legitimate religious requirements or with a medical note.
- b. Professional looking head wraps are acceptable, but staff reserve the right to ask students to remove head-wraps that are not professional. Skull caps and durags are not permitted.
- c. Headband width should be no more than 4 inches.
- d. Logos greater than an inch are not permitted.

Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Same as above.

Not Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Same as above.

6. Distracting Clothing:

- a. No clothing, jewelry, or accessory that is determined by any teacher or staff member to distract from the learning process is permitted.

Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Same as above.

Not Acceptable for Junior/Senior Uniform Choice Privilege:

- a. Same as above.