
DSST: Byers has a policy on dress and is crafted with the following beliefs in mind:

1. **Respect:** We are proud that our Mission leads us to create integrated schools. People grow more when they are working with and getting to know people who are different from them and, therefore, have unique perspectives. We want to celebrate this diversity while recognizing that each culture and each individual has a different view on how students should dress. We have crafted a Policy on Dress that we believe allows students to express their individuality while still respecting the diverse beliefs and values of everyone in our community.

2. **Community and Inclusiveness:** Our Uniform Policy and Dress Code gives us a commonality that allows students to identify as members of this community while still expressing their individuality. It is our belief that this dress code will allow people inside and outside of the community to recognize our commonalities while celebrating our differences.

3. **Transparency Regarding Impact of Appearance:** Appearance matters, and people make assumptions about other people based on what people are wearing (this is reality even if we would wish it to be otherwise). Our Uniform Policy and Dress Code is constructed to promote the practice of intentionally dressing for various situations and environments (understanding context).

4. **Safety:** We are committed to student safety and have crafted a Policy on Dress that reflects necessary safety requirements and ensures that all students feel physically and psychologically safe in our environment.

### Weekly Overview

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*other Days may be designated as Dress Down Days

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### Dress Code *Monday- Thursday*

**Tops**
- Students may wear sleeveless, short, or long sleeve polo shirts, blouses, turtlenecks, collared/buttoned shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters. Tops may have hoods but hoods are not permitted to be worn over the head while inside the school building.
- Tops that are college/university or Spirit wear may be T-shirts (short or long sleeves), sweaters, sweatshirts or jackets.
- Students are permitted to wear blouses or dresses.
- All tops must sufficiently conceal undergarments and/or private areas.
- Tops that expose lower back and/or mid-sections are not permitted.
- Lightweight jackets, pullovers, fleeces, blazers, vests, and cardigans of appropriate length and size are acceptable.
- Outside jackets may not be worn during the school day.

**Bottoms**
- Students are required to wear pants that are mid-calf or longer. Bottoms with images or graphics are not permitted.
- Jewelry, rhinestones, or any other decorative patterns may be displayed as long as they are not distracting to the learning environment.
- Students may wear colored denim pants, but blue jeans are not permitted.
- Pants with stylized rips or tears are not permitted.
- Athletic wear, leggings, pajamas, and sweatpants are not permitted.
- All pants must sufficiently conceal undergarments and/or private areas.
- Dresses or skirts are not permitted to be any higher than fingertip length.

- Dresses must not expose sides, or midsection.
- Shorts are not permitted.

**Shoes**
- Students are required to have closed-toe footwear that is sturdy and safe.
- Sandals, open-toed shoes, slippers or slipper-like shoes, excessively high heels or platform (higher than 2 ½ inches) shoes are not permitted.

**Other**
- Earrings are acceptable, but are not to be distracting. Other piercings are permitted, but are not to be distracting.
- Tattoos are permitted as long as they are not offensive or promote violence, alcohol, gangs, tobacco, or drugs.
- Scarves are permitted.
- Hats and hoods on heads are not permitted, except outdoors.
- Text on clothing or accessories that is offensive, promotes violence, alcohol, gangs, tobacco, drugs, or that is derogatory in any way is not permitted at any time.

**Friday & Dress Down Day Guidelines**

All items listed above in the normal day dress code may be worn on Fridays and dress down days.
All expectations stated in “other” are also the same on dress down days as they are on normal school days.

**Tops**
- All tops must sufficiently conceal undergarments and/or private areas.
- Tops that expose lower back and mid-sections are not permitted.

**Bottoms**
- Shorts are not permitted.
- All bottoms must sufficiently conceal undergarments and/or private areas.

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**PE & Fitness/Wellness Electives**

All expectations (eg. tears in clothes, length/transparency of tops) are also the same in PE & Fitness/Wellness Electives as they are on normal school days.

**Tops**
- T-shirts and athletic shirts are permitted.
  - Tops that expose mid-sections are not permitted.
  - Tops are not to be transparent.
- Fleeces, sweatshirts and hoodies are only acceptable if class is outside.

**Bottoms**
- Students must wear athletic shorts or athletic pants.
- Athletic shorts are permitted.
- Athletic pants must sufficiently conceal undergarments and/or private areas.

**Shoes**
- Students must wear socks and athletic shoes or sneakers.

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