

## **BROADWATER ACADEMY DRESS CODE 2017-2018 /2018-2019**

The Broadwater Academy Dress Code establishes the acceptable standard of appearance for all students in the school. While at school, students are permitted to wear casual attire, however, students' appearance will be tasteful and appropriate and reflect respect for the Broadwater community. Because it is impossible to specifically describe all clothing styles that might be considered acceptable and unacceptable to wear to school, Broadwater reserves the right to determine whether clothing conforms to the "spirit" as well as the "letter" of the dress code. Administration reserves the right to determine if any dress code issue is distracting to the population.

A casual dress code enables students to dress in comfortable and informal clothing, but clothing that would be worn for exercise, lounging, going to the beach, or to a party are not likely suitable for school. Clothing that is torn or frayed, low-cut, too tight, too short, or that reveals the back, chest, stomach, or underwear is not appropriate. Clothing featuring words, terms, graphics or pictures are generally not appropriate, especially when they are offensive to others. Shirts and outerwear that represent a college/university or the school are typically acceptable.

Students should be clean and well-groomed. Hair should be neat and out of the eyes. Hair color that is extreme or a noticeable distraction is not appropriate. Caps, hats, or non-religion head coverings may not be worn inside the buildings. Boys' facial hair should be well-groomed.

### **TRAVEL ATTIRE**

Khaki slacks, shorts, or shorts of appropriate style and fit (no tight fitting clothing) with a green polo or white oxford shirt are required for field trips, certain special events, and for athletic teams traveling to and from sporting events. Plaid skirts, designated as white plaid by Lands' End, are also acceptable travel attire for girls. Broadwater sweatshirts with the Broadwater Academy logo, available in the Spirit Shop, or fleece jackets are suggested outerwear options. Broadwater team warm-ups, available in the Spirit Shop, may be worn home from away games. Footwear must be sensible, closed-toe, and appropriate for walking. Proper travel attire may be suggested and approved by a field trip sponsor, by the coach of a traveling athletic team, and by the Director of Athletics and may be dependent on the availability of locker rooms at the other schools. Broadwater Academy-branded apparel is available for purchase in the Spirit Shop or through Lands' End.

- Any clothing, jewelry, or accessory with decorations, patches, lettering, or advertisements that may be considered obscene, offensive or distracting are not to be worn to school. This includes any clothing, jewelry, or accessories having criminal street gang identifiers, accessories that may be used as weapons, and accessories having drug, sex, tobacco, or alcoholic beverage references or designs.
- Form-fitting garments such as spandex, leggings, and yoga pants may only be worn with another layer of clothing which meets the dress code.
- Transparent or see-through material is considered unacceptable. Low-cut blouses, tops, or sweaters with plunging necklines are not allowed.
- The length of an untucked shirt must be no longer than the tip of the longest finger with the student's hand fully extended down the side of the student's leg unless the untucked shirt is worn over spandex leggings, or yoga pants.
- Shirts/tops must touch the waistband of pants/skirts at all times (i.e. when in movement, when arms are extended or raised, and when in seated position, etc.)
- Sleeveless shirts should have straps of at least 2" over the shoulder.
- When measuring skirts, dresses, or skorts that have slits, the length will be determined by measuring from the top of the slit.
- Torn, cut/slashed, or frayed material is considered inappropriate.
- Pajama bottoms or sleepwear are inappropriate.
- Students shall wear their pants and shorts at the waist, without sagging.
- All students must wear shoes at all times. Students participating in physical education class shall wear athletic footwear to participate. House shoes and slippers, including non-skid bottom slippers, are prohibited.
- Hair should be kept neat, clean, and reasonably styled. Boys' hair must not touch the shoulder.
- Proper undergarments should be worn but not visible.
- Facial hair should be neat, clean, closely trimmed and not distracting to the learning environment.
- No piercing other than earlobes.