

## DRESS CODE

The purpose of the school's dress code is to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning while at the same time providing flexibility for individuality and self-expression. Students at John Bapst are expected to project an appearance that reflects well on themselves and on the school. An assembly for new students in which acceptable and unacceptable styles are described is held at the beginning of the school year.

The dress code is in effect from the time a student arrives at school until 1:50 p.m., the end of the classroom portion of the school day for most students. This includes open campus.

Exceptions to the dress code are granted by the administration for special occasions such as Spirit Week, exam weeks, and Dress-Down Day fundraisers.

Dress code violations are reported to the Dean of Students, who is responsible for determining consequences. Dress code enforcement is the responsibility of all faculty members. Students are expected to cooperate with faculty members who point out and/or report a dress code problem. A disagreement in interpretation can always be discussed later with an appropriate administrator.

### Basic Guidelines for Appropriate Dress

The dress code requires John Bapst students to:

1. wear clothes that are neat, clean, modest, and in good repair;
2. wear clothes in a conventional manner (for example, oxford shirts should be buttoned conventionally, and clothing should not be worn inside-out);
3. refrain from wearing clothing that displays objectionable themes in writing or pictures (e.g., alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, violence, or messages that could be interpreted as harassment).

Following a tradition begun by the Student Senate, students are encouraged to dress up on Purple Days and to celebrate other special occasions.

## BASIC GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE DRESS

ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
<p>Pants other than blue jeans that are modest and in good repair (free from rips, faded material, and distressing)</p> <p>Blue jeans on Fridays only ("Casual Fridays")</p> <p>Tailored shorts or cargo shorts which are below the knee, at the knee, or just above the knee may be worn from the beginning of the school year in August until the Friday before Columbus Day and from the Monday after Spring Break until the end of the school year.</p> <p>Leggings worn beneath a tunic, long sweater, or dress-code appropriate skirt or dress</p>	<p>Sweatpants, warm-ups, pajama bottoms, and pants meant to be part of a uniform (for example hospital or military wear), and camouflage-patterned clothing</p> <p>Athletic/gym shorts and short shorts</p>
<p>Skirts and dresses should be below the knee, at the knee, or just above the knee</p>	<p>Short skirts and short dresses</p>
<p>Polo shirts, oxford shirts, blouses, tailored tops, and turtlenecks (all clothing must be modest, covering shoulders, cleavage, waist/midriff, and back)</p>	<p>Long-sleeve t-shirts, henleys, and short-sleeve t-shirts</p> <p>Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, tops with spaghetti straps, undershirts, or V-neck shirts</p> <p>Necklines revealing cleavage, clothing that reveals waist/midriff, back or shoulders</p> <p>Clothing that reveals undergarments</p>
<p>Sweaters, pullover sweatshirts, hoodies, and fleeces (logos must be appropriate)</p>	<p>Zippered sweatshirts, hoodies, and sweaters</p> <p>Hoods may not be worn over the head inside the school building)</p>
<p>Most footwear is allowed, but note that closed-toed shoes are required in labs</p>	<p>Shower shoes, slippers</p>
<p>Earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings, ties, and scarves</p>	<p>Hats and caps may not be worn inside the school building at any time.</p> <p>Bandanas, sunglasses, chains, and other hardware</p>
<p>John Bapst team/club attire (such as uniform tops, athletic team windsuits, and/or T-shirts with a club/team &amp; John Bapst logo) on competition/event days as approved by club/team coach or advisor.</p>	<p>Sleeveless uniform tops unless worn with a long or short sleeve t-shirt underneath.</p>