



Betty Gray Middle School Dress for Success School Year 2023 - 2024

We want our scholars to come to school focused on learning without any distractions of unsuitable dress and grooming. Student appearance and dress should reflect appropriate choices for the school setting. BGMS considers school a student's workplace. Though some clothing may be appropriate to wear when socializing with friends or going on outings, they may not be appropriate for school - the student's workplace. All BGMS Scholars must follow the dress for success expectations while attending school, riding the bus to and from school, and participating in school functions, unless otherwise indicated by the principal.

Scholars who are dressed inappropriately for school will be asked to change. Repeated infractions will result in administrative consequences. The principal or designee shall be the final judge as to the appropriateness, neatness, and cleanliness of the clothing or if the clothing is disruptive, unsafe or in violation of the dress for success expectations.

BGMS Scholars are expected to:

- Always look neat and be well groomed
- Wear closed toe shoes/tennis to ensure safety
- Promote School Spirit Fridays by wearing a BGMS t-shirt with blue jeans
- Promote PBIS Wednesdays by wearing the PBIS t-shirt with blue jeans

A few general reminders about dressing for success:

- Clothing must cover the waist, thighs, back and shoulders. No exposed undergarments, midriffs, or skin (holey/ripped jeans can be worn with tights underneath - no skin showing above the knees)
- Pants must be worn at the natural waist and not touch the floor. Underwear must be covered. No sagging or dragging clothing
- No pajama pants permitted unless it is an activity for which they are deemed appropriate
- Any slits, shorts and skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee
- No wallet chains or other types of chains that may be dangerous or disruptive
- No clothes or jewelry that show gang affiliation or membership
- No clothes that display anything related to tobacco, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or drug paraphernalia
- No bandannas "do rags", no hats or hoods covering the head can be worn in the school building during the school day unless it is a special activity for which they are deemed appropriate
- No sunglasses inside the buildings (they will be confiscated)
- No immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, offensive, distracting, suggestive, revealing or offensive clothes
- No clothes that create unrest/animosity with different ethnic groups or display racist or sexual harassment overtones
- No tight shirts, tank tops, low cut (showing cleavage) shirts, halter-tops, or shirts with spaghetti straps
- No transparent or mesh clothing without an appropriate shirt/tights underneath
- No accessories or clothes that could pose a safety threat, including heavy chains not made as jewelry, fishhooks, brass knuckles, multiple-finger rings, rings that can be used as a weapon, studded bracelets/collars, nose/lip-to-ear chains, etc.

**RULE: IF YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS
OF THE CLOTHING DON'T WEAR IT.**