

Benton Heights Elementary Dress Code
Standard Code of Dress for 2011-2012

In order to provide an educational environment that is safe, conducive to learning, and build school pride and self-esteem, Benton Heights Elementary School requires all students to adhere to the school's standard code of dress.

Shirts and Blouses:

Shirts and blouses for all students will be any solid color shirt. All shirts and blouses must have a collar. All shirts must have sleeves, long or short. Turtlenecks may be worn in place of the uniform shirt as long as they follow the dress code colors. Golf-type pull-over shirts with COLLARS or button-up shirts with COLLARS will be permitted. Shirts may not bear any insignias, slogans, pictures, diagrams, or any other adornment or writing. No beads, jewelry, or shiny adornments on the shirt. No manufacturer's logos may be worn. Benton Heights Elementary logo will be permitted. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in at all times, with the belt visible. Students should be able to raise their arms and the shirt/blouse stay tucked in at all times.

Sweaters, Sweatshirts and Light Weight Jackets:

Sweaters, sweatshirts and light- weight jackets may be worn OVER the uniform shirt. Collars or turtle necks MUST be visible if sweaters or sweatshirts are worn. Sweaters, sweatshirts and light- weight jackets may be any solid color. These articles may not bear any insignias, logos, slogans, writing, beads, jewelry, or other adornment other than Benton Heights Elementary School.

Bottom Wear (Girls):

Girls may wear khaki, navy, or black shorts, pants, skirts, or jumpers. Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist line and be at least long enough that the hem reaches your index finger when your arms are at your sides. Long skirts may not have slits that extend above the knee. Short skirts may not have slits that extend higher than where the index finger touches the thigh. Pants, shorts and skirts with belt loops must be worn with a belt that does not exceed 6 inches from the buckle when buckled. Blue jeans, stretch or spandex pants or shorts will not be permitted.

Bottom Wear (Boys):

Boys may wear khaki, navy or black shorts or pants. Both must be worn at the waist and be at least long enough that the hem reaches your index finger with your arms at your sides. Pants and shorts with belt loops must be worn with a belt. Belts cannot exceed 6 inches from the buckle when buckled. No wrap belts will be permitted. The practices of "sag and drag" or rolling up one pant leg, will not be permitted. Blue jeans and wind pants will not be permitted.

Shoes:

Any shoe is permitted except platform shoes, and shoes with open toes or open heels. Sandals and flip flops may not be worn. Heels should be no higher than approximately 2 inches. Shoes with shoe strings must be tied; socks or hosiery/tights must be worn. Students are encouraged to wear tennis shoes/sneakers for PE and recess. Socks should be plain with no pattern.

Headwear:

Headwear of any type will NOT be allowed to be worn in the building. Combs, bandanas, picks, rags and scarves are inappropriate, and will be confiscated if worn. Hooded jackets and sweaters may not be worn in the building.

Jackets: (Heavy Jackets/ Coats)

Jackets will not be worn in class. Jackets may be kept in designated areas of the classroom during the school day. Jackets during the school day are only worn when leaving the building during cold weather. All coats must be pulled off during the school day.

Jewelry:

Large metal necklaces may not be worn.

Book Bags:

Suggested book bags should be clear or mesh in appearance. All book bags will be kept in the student's classroom during the school day. Rolling book bags are discouraged. They do not fit in the cubbies, they pinch fingers, other student's trip on them in the hallways, and they are dangerous going up and down the steps.

***** Students who practice a religion that requires the wearing of yarmulkes and headscarves will not be prohibited from wearing those items. Any other items worn must not undermine the integrity of the dress code, or serve as a disruption to the educational process. Any students must apply to the Site-Based Committee in writing, on the appropriate form, and be approved by the Site-Based Committee for any exemptions. If not approved by the Site-Based Committee, the student will be required to adhere to standard code of dress.**